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Firefighters deliver baby boy at home

By Ben Hellman

Newborn Drew Boynton thwarted his parents' plans for a hospital delivery Sunday morning. Baby Drew and mother Maureen are safe and happy after firefighters and EMTs assisted in the 40-minute labor in his parents' bedroom.

Father Steve Boynton said his wife woke him up just after 9 a.m. to pack a bag, but by the time he was out of bed she said, "Uh, oh." Her water had broken. Emergency workers were not long on the Ballardvale Road scene before Maureen Murphy said, "I have to push."

Steve Boynton said she knew best.

Drew, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, didn't scream and fell asleep immediately after birth, frightening the mother, but he was fine. "He was pretty much unperturbed by the incident. He entered with a flourish - and went to sleep," said Boynton.

Boynton said his wife was from a "family of girls who give birth quickly, but this one won the prize." Steve Boynton and Maureen Murphy's first baby, Kenzie, now 3 years old, was born in four hours.

Boynton said the firefighters did a great job, but he didn't get their names or an adequate head count in the excitement. Neighbor Julia Reppucci was on the scene and grabbed the Boyntons' digital camera and photographed the delivery. EMTs let Boynton cut the umbilical cord.

TOWN HEALTH INSURANCE

Private-job layoffs inflate town costs

As spouses change jobs, more families join town plan

By Ben Hellman

Private-sector layoffs have contributed to Andover's exploding health-insurance costs, says the town's human resources department. That's because, as the cost of health insurance rises significantly - an expense that has exacerbated Andover's budget problems this year - more town employees' families are electing to use town health plans.

Benefits specialist Rita Marconi says the major increase in the number of health insurance plans this year is because spouses of town employees lost jobs or started new jobs with fewer benefits. As a result, town employees' families are signing up for town health insurance. She estimated the town's opened 20 new plans because of spousal job loss this year, and even more since September 11, 2001. "I know of 30 to 35 new people for that reason alone," said Marconi.

Unexpected increases in employee health insurance costs announced last week forced the town and school sides to dig deeper into their already cash-strapped pockets leaving even less wiggle room in next fiscal year's budget. The surge in costs will get passed onto residents through higher town-program fees and to students who will see fewer books and computer purchases than were planned.

The other reason given for increases was the cost of health insurance increases. "Health insurance is out of control," said Candace Hall, human resources director.

The town also hired 70 to 80 new employees this year, but Marconi said that with employee retirements was wasn't sure what the actual increase would be after retirements were taken

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Autistic school eyes River Road

School may move to Franciscan Center building or undisclosed Andover site

By Andrea Gregory

A school for autistic children has its eyes set on Andover.

Melmark New England, a school serving children with autism and autistic spectrum disorders, was formed five years ago and currently runs out of an office park in Woburn. Peter Troy, vice president of Melmark New England, says it has been studying locations and planning a move for two years. He says the school may have found what it's looking for at the Christian Formation Center at 357 River Road in Andover.

"We're looking to create some

permanency for the school," says Troy. "We're looking for a site with outside space."

"We'll continue working until we get a signed agreement," says Troy.

The Christian Formation Center is a site the school is seriously considering because it could offer both a permanent home for the school, and outside green space for the children.

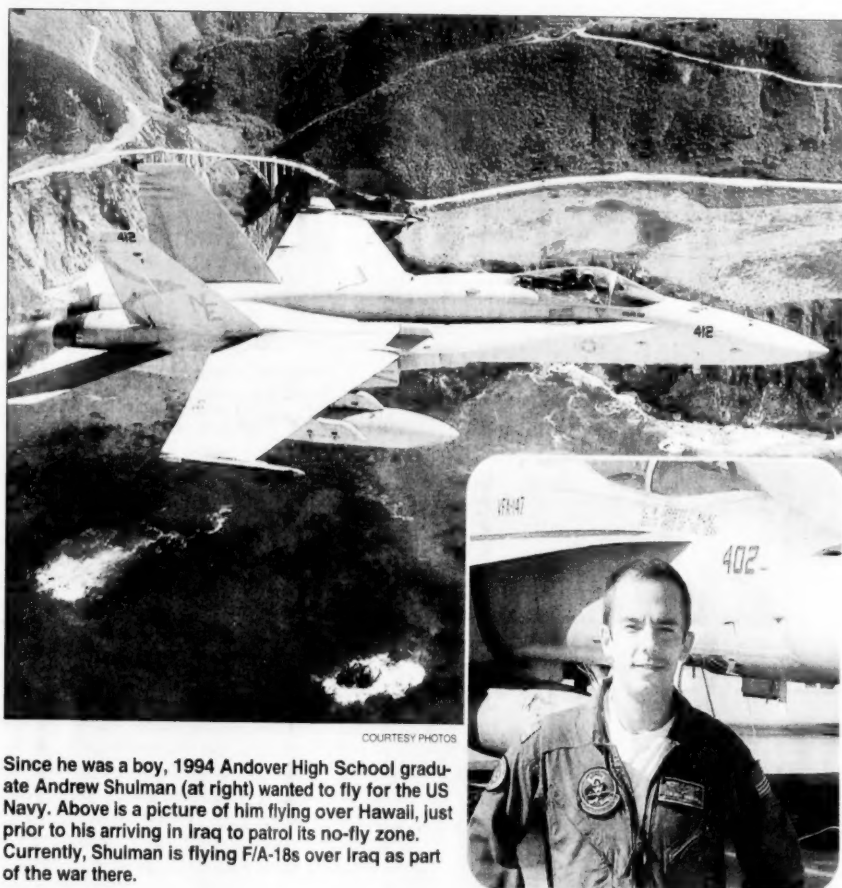
Troy says it's too soon to tell if the school will rent or buy the building. Both are options at this point, as is building a new facility at another location in Andover.

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

This Franciscan Center building could be used as a school for 70.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Since he was a boy, 1994 Andover High School graduate Andrew Shulman (at right) wanted to fly for the US Navy. Above is a picture of him flying over Hawaii, just prior to his arriving in Iraq to patrol its no-fly zone. Currently, Shulman is flying F/A-18s over Iraq as part of the war there.

He flies over Iraq - as planned

By Ben Hellman

It was always Andrew Shulman's dream to fly for the US Navy, says dad Alan Shulman. But more than that - it was his plan.

Shulman says his son, who is now flying over Iraq, had it all worked out by the time he was 11. He would attend the Naval Academy, then flight school and become a naval pilot. Now, the Andover High School graduate is stationed in the Persian Gulf on the USS Constellation and flying

long shifts over Iraq in an F/A-18.

Andrew Shulman flies a fighter/bomber jet over Iraq every day. He was patrolling the southern Iraqi no-fly zone prior to the war. His dad says he was shot at the first time he flew over the country and was shot at regularly after that.

"He said 'Thank God the Iraqis are such bad shots' - getting shot at is a pretty daily thing," said Alan Shulman.

Interviewed recently by Channel 7, Andrew Shulman was

asked how he liked his job. "He said 'When I'm flying in the daytime, I can't believe I'm paid to do this. At night time, when I have to land on the carrier, you can't pay me enough to do this,'" said Alan Shulman.

Andrew Shulman told his father that if he didn't get the chance to fly in combat it would be like going to medical school to become a surgeon and never getting to practice surgery. "Pilots are a breed apart," said Alan

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Special delivery

140 expect town to pay for mailboxes

By Andrea Gregory

Eye-high snow piles should be long forgotten by the end of summer - except, perhaps, by town workers, who may still be repairing damage done by plow trucks during this year's brutal winter.

"On a light winter you don't have all the damage like you do this year," says Phil Newcomb, head foreman at the Andover Highway department, who hasn't seen this much plow damage since the winter of 1997. "It's very hard to take all the men we have and put them on plow damage."

At least 140 residents are on a waiting list for the town to repair or replace their mailboxes, and another 150 are expecting the town to repair their front lawns.

Petkus says the town usually spends "around \$5,000," on such items, but he would not comment on how much he estimates will be spent this year and he did not release how much was spent last year. While the town budgets money for snow removal, it does

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Some residents are on a waiting list to have the town repair mailboxes and lawns.

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From the publisher

Recognition tempered by loss

The Eagle-Tribune received notice this week that it has won journalism's highest honor, the Pulitzer Prize. It was awarded for our breaking news coverage of the Merrimack River drownings on Dec. 14.

While we celebrate this special recognition to the entire news staff for journalistic excellence, we also continue to mourn the loss of four young boys from Lawrence on that dreadful Saturday. Their families and friends, and indeed the entire community, still feels an enormous sense of grief.

The job of a newspaper is to get the news and

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Irving "Chip" Rogers III

Flagship paper wins Pulitzer

Heartbreak of boys' Merrimack River tragedy colors honor

By Meg Murphy

The staff of The Eagle-Tribune was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for breaking news Monday for its coverage of four Lawrence boys who drowned in the worst tragedy on the Merrimack River in nearly a century.

The award, journalism's highest honor, was met by a moment of silence in memory of the boys who died. The paper will donate its \$7,500 prize to the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lawrence and to a fund set up to help the victims' families.

"It was a heartbreaking story to work on," said Alan J. White, senior managing editor for The Eagle-Tribune.

Three boys - Christopher Casado, 7; Mackendy Constant, 8; and Victor Baez, 9; - died Dec. 14 in a heroic

The Eagle-Tribune Publishing Co. owns both The Eagle-Tribune and the Andover Townsman newspapers. The publisher and president of the company is Irving E. "Chip" Rogers III of Andover.

attempt to save their friend, William Rodriguez, 11, when he ran onto thin ice and fell through.

"The firefighters try to rescue the kids. The people at the hospital try to help them. And that was our job at that moment - to cover the story as best as we possibly could," White said.

Editor-in-Chief William B. Ketter.

vice-president of news for The Eagle-Tribune, said the honor is tempered by the tragic loss the news coverage chronicled, a loss he described to the Pulitzer board as something that "broke the heart, but not the spirit, of the state's poorest city."

"I am elated about being the editor of a paper that won the Pulitzer Prize," he said. "But it is for a tragedy I wish did not happen."

The award marked the second Pulitzer in the newspaper's 135-year history. The newspaper won a Pulitzer in 1988 for its coverage of Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis' furlough program for convicted murderers, including Willie Horton. The paper was nominated for Pulitzers two other times - in 1992 and 1996.

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Like community, those who covered story were affected

PULITZER PRIZE

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The Boston Globe was also awarded a Pulitzer yesterday for public service, for its coverage of the church abuse scandal in the Boston archdiocese that led to the resignation of Cardinal Bernard Law.

"I just have a great sense of pride for the entire newspaper," said Irving E. Rogers III, president and publisher of The Eagle-Tribune. "There has always been a dedication to excellence in

journalism. It has been there though generations and it continues today."

At 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, Jim Patten, an 18-year veteran reporter at The Eagle-Tribune, heard about an ice accident while listening to a police scanner in the newsroom. He jumped into his truck and arrived as the first reporter on the scene. He spent the next three hours in the cold and rain, listening to conversations and taking photographs.

"Spot news has always been my passion," said Patten, who was a finalist for his coverage of the Malden Mills fire in 1995. "I've driven down the street like a bat out of hell."

Patten remembers the relief when he saw O'Ryan Johnson, 27, arrive on the scene to help. Johnson, a police reporter for the past two years, talked to police, visited hospitals and interviewed one of three children who survived.

"You are talking to children

who, whether they know it or not, have just witnessed their friends' deaths. The social contract you violate by talking to them as a stranger is the most difficult part of being a reporter," he said.

"You just hope and pray the questions you ask them, and the writing that follows, provides not only the truth, but also does justice to the lives that were lost on the river that day," Johnson said.

Metro Editor Gretchen Putnam canceled a staff Christmas party at her house that night and rushed to the newsroom after hearing about the tragedy. She immediately began organizing comprehensive coverage, including "the voices and images of the boys who survived, the rescue workers who pulled the youths from the frigid water, the medical people who attended the boys, the friends and other people who had contact with the boys, and from the anguished

families," as Ketter later described it.

Putnam, 32, a seven-year veteran of the paper, worked until 2:30 a.m. for two nights straight. She wanted the paper to "own the story," and as a mother of two young boys, Jack, 6, and Sam, 3, she wanted to tell the story correctly.

She remembers looking at the photograph of Mackendy Constant, 8, after learning of his death.

"When I looked at that picture I immediately thought of my Jack's big brown eyes. They are the same age. As a mother I was immediately brought to tears because I couldn't imagine what Mackendy's mother was going through," Putnam said.

She believes the newspaper coverage did honor the boys.

"The legacy of these boys won't be as just victims in a tragedy. I think these boys will be remembered as little heroes," she said.

Staff who worked on the coverage all described vivid memories from that weekend.

Jason B. Grosky, a city reporter, said he went to the Lawrence Fire Department and met Bill Cunningham, a veteran firefighter who pulled two of the children from the river.

"There is a guy who is sitting there, the nicest guy in the world, talking with all this optimism and suddenly he finds out that neither one of the kids he pulled out survived," Grosky said. "I will never forget how his wife was there at his side, he dipped his head and his eyes welled up."

Ken Johnson, editorial page editor, said the bravery of the boys deeply affected him. It was the subject of two editorials Johnson contributed to the coverage. "They lost their lives trying to save their friend. I don't think the heroism of the children came through until we reported it," he said.

Families still in our hearts, prayers

PUBLISHER

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publish it instantly, but in doing so we are not immune from its heartbreak. This tragedy is one we will never forget.

I recall stopping by the newsroom on Sunday afternoon, nearly 24 hours into the story, and observing editors, reporters and other dedicated staff still at their desks. They looked exhausted and concerned. Their first question to me: "Did we handle it right?"

They did, and under uncommonly difficult circumstances. With only nine hours to prepare for our first Sunday edition deadline, they had put together an exceptional, straightforward package of stories and pictures on exactly what happened and how it happened. And they kept at it for the entire week as the emotional toll on the community unfolded.

By its nature, news about tragedy can compound the hurt for those affected by it. They must cope with the shock of losing loved ones — and with the pain of reading about the unpleasant details. Minimizing that pain without censoring or distorting the news can be a huge challenge — and one that I am proud to say The Eagle-Tribune met.

It doesn't happen by accident. We are fortunate to have a news staff of conscientious and devoted journalists. They care about their work, and they are

passionate about presenting the news honestly, intelligently and without bias.

It has been my great joy to encourage this professionalism, and to help enrich the tradition of doing the very best journalism possible, always keeping in mind the needs and sensibilities of you, our readers.

It is something my family has been trying to do for more than 100 years of stewardship.

The euphoria that goes with winning a Pulitzer Prize is hard to describe. It means that your work has measured up as the best in the nation, among newspapers of all sizes, including the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and other giants of the business. Pulitzer entries are judged solely on the criterion of excellence.

This is the second time The Eagle-Tribune has won this highest honor. In 1988, under my father's leadership, the paper was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for coverage that revealed serious flaws in the Massachusetts prison furlough system, and for stories that led to statewide reform.

We were a Pulitzer runnerup or finalist in 1992, for Associate Editor Russ Conway's remarkable disclosure of the corruption within the National Hockey League involving the head of the players union; and again in 1996, for staff coverage of the Malden Mills fire and its devastating effects on the community.

Some of the current newsroom staff have participated in all of this great work. Others are experiencing the Pulitzer glow for the first time. All of them are a source of pride to the Eagle-Tribune family of newspapers, which expanded not quite a year ago to include The Salem News, The Gloucester Daily Times and The Daily News of Newburyport.

A newspaper should both reflect and encourage a sense of community. This becomes a greater challenge as our company grows, but we are steadfastly determined to continue to publish newspapers that serve that critical purpose through first-rate journalism.

Winning the Pulitzer Prize for the Merrimack River tragedy brought a feeling of fulfillment that comes from superior coverage of the news. We sincerely wish this particular story had not tested our ability to do that, and we want the families of the young boys who lost their lives to know they are in our hearts and in our prayers.

In that regard, we intend to donate the \$7,500 cash award that goes with the Pulitzer Prize to the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence for distribution to the families of the victims. They have suffered a horrible loss — one we can only hope never happens again on the Merrimack or anywhere else.

— Irving E. (Chip) Rogers III
Publisher



1994 Andover High School graduate Andrew Shulman poses in front of a jet trainer in Meridian, Miss.

Pilot flies skies above Iraq

SHULMAN

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Shulman.

He worries about his son, but knows he was well-trained to do his job. Andrew Shulman trained for 2½ years just to get his wings and spent another year and a half training on aircraft carriers. Andrew Shulman reports the war in Iraq is easier than his training was. His wife of two years, Tasha, called recently

after a news report of a downed F-18 to let her father-in-law know that it wasn't Andrew's squadron.

Andrew Shulman had an early role model. Alan Shepherd, a test pilot and the first American to go to outer space, was his second cousin.

A graduate of AHS in 1994, Andrew Shulman ran track and was on the football team. He had his own band

and attended Boy's State, a leadership conference.

Alan Shulman says that at age 11, his son also planned to retire from the Navy to be an airline pilot and then become a record producer. The father says that now that the airline industry is doing poorly, he sees Andrew Shulman staying in the Navy. No word on his son's record-producing career.

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The top photo shows the ruins of Abbot's Furniture Store and other buildings after an 1870 fire. The Baptist Church at the corner of Central and Essex Streets can be seen in the background. Today, the site is home to Memorial Hall Library, as one can see in the bottom photo.

Town Meeting notice

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on April 28 and 29 at the Andover High School Field House and if necessary, on May 5 and 6 at the Collins Center at Andover High on Shawshen Road. The meetings will start at 7 p.m. each night.

Babysitting will be available until 10 p.m. Pre-registration is mandatory and must be reserved by Thursday, April 24. The fee is \$10 per child per night. Call the Department of Community Services at 978-623-8274 to make a reservation.

Upon request, sign-language interpreters, material on tape and other auxiliary aides and services will be provided to ensure effective communication as specified in the American with Disability Act. Contact the ADA coordinator at Town Offices at 978-623-8530 by tomorrow, Friday, April 11.

Low-vision group

On Wednesday, April 16, Memorial Hall Library will host a low-vision support group for visually impaired and legally blind adults. Participants will be able to share information about the various support services available to low-vision individuals as well as discuss the latest visual aid devices available from adaptive technologies. We will also investigate any and all rumors of miracle cures for bad eyesight.

The meeting will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the lower level activity room at the library. For further information call Sally Sami at 978-475-6846.

Curbside leaf pick-up

The town of Andover will be conducting curbside leaf collection for six weeks beginning Monday, April 14 through Friday, May 23. Residents are to put their leaves out on their designated trash-collection day. Any appropriate size containers may be used for leaves, but residents using plastic bags must use clear plastic.

Volunteer for elders

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley Inc., has many opportunities for volunteers of all ages who want to help older people in local communities, including help understanding health benefits, companionship and shopping. The work includes flexible hours, an orientation and support. Call 1-800-892-0890 Ext. 463.

Quote, unquote . . .

USUALLY THERE IS MONEY for this program, but this year, it's a wing and prayer.

State Sen. Sue Tucker of Andover, talking about the budget blues on Beacon Hill at a local fundraiser for the CASA program, which helps kids in Lawrence District Court. (Story, page 9)

IF WE WERE SINGERS, we would be in a different line of work.

Selectman John Hess, who isn't too excited about the possibility of selectmen singing the song "America" at their meetings. (Story, page 4)

News Calendar

Thursday, April 10

Council on Aging, Town Offices, third floor, 8 a.m.

Senior Center Task Force, Senior Center, 1 p.m.

Monday, April 14

Board of Health, Town Offices, first floor, 6-9 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, assessor's conference room, 9 a.m.

School Committee, school administration building, 7:30 p.m.

Vision 21 Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16

Recycling Committee, Town

Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 17

Board Board of Assessors, Town Offices, assessor's conference room, 9 a.m.

Senior Center Task Force, Town Offices, second floor, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22

Board Board of Assessors, Town Offices, assessor's conference room, 9 a.m.

Pesticide Reduction Task Force, Water Treatment Plant, Lowell Street (Rte. 133), conference room, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 24

Senior Center Task Force, Town Offices, second floor, 1 p.m.

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

New refrigerator for senior center

There will be a new double refrigerator for the Andover Senior Center kitchen soon, thanks to an award of \$2,417.00 from Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley. Andover's senior center annually serves 25,100 meals. Food is prepared on site Monday through Friday where elders gather for a nutritious meal and socialization.

"We were happy to award these funds to enable the purchase of equipment to assist Andover Council on Aging and five other sites across the Merrimack Valley that prepare food for elders. Often public funding for the meals programs is not adequate for the purchase of equipment," stated Rosanne DiStefano, Elder Services Executive Director.

Funds were made available through a grant received by Elder Services from the law firm of Ellis and Rapacki as a result of a settlement made in a vitamin price-fixing lawsuit. These funds were targeted to nutrition programs and research in Massachusetts.

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This year's damage caused by winter plows was the worst since 1997, according to the town.

Waiting list for mailboxes, more

■ PLOW DAMAGE

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not set aside money specifically for repairing damage caused by plows.

According to Petkus and confirmed by Newcomb, there is on a waiting list that isn't expected to be completed until the end of the summer. "It's going to be late this year," Petkus says about when the repair process will be complete.

Mailboxes

The waiting list shows at least 140 mailboxes damaged this winter, 75 of which have been replaced or repaired already. During the winter, residents may have noticed plastic buckets turned sideways and stuck in snowbanks serving as mailboxes temporarily.

The mailbox-repair list is not a first come, first serve waiting list. If the mailbox post was taken out or cut in half, it becomes a priority. Dents and missing doors are the last repairs as far as mailboxes are concerned.

Petkus says the town requires residents to use breakaway mailboxes, so every winter a few are bound to be lost.

"If a car hits it, it has to break away," Petkus says.

The town puts up the money for "garden variety" mailboxes, usually in black or white metal. It is not responsible for the loss of decorated or designer mailboxes. "We try to replace what was there as much as we can,"

says Petkus.

Lawns and sprinklers

Newcomb says mailboxes and loam for lawns are the first projects they tackle simultaneously. The edge of 150 lawns are on the list to be patched up by the town.

"(Residents) put a lot of money into these lawns," says Newcomb. "That's why we make that one of the first things we do after the winter."

The town is not obligated to foot the bill for damage done to sprinkler heads, but at least for this year it will be handling the cost.

"We'll probably continue doing it," says Petkus for this year, but he warns, "We'll tell people, 'This is it.' This is the last time."

He says the problem is people put sprinkler heads too close to the side of the road. Not only does this leave them vulnerable to plow damage, but, for the most part, it places them on town property.

"The installers never ask about where the property line is," he says.

According to Petkus, property lines fall anywhere from zero to 30 feet back from the road. He suggests people put sprinkler heads as far back on their property as they can. He says someone wouldn't put up a fence 10 feet onto their neighbors' property. "In this case the town happens to be the neighbor," he says.

The town of Andover, is looking

at 40 to 50 sprinkler repairs according to the list so far, but Newcomb says they expect that number to grow by at least 15 to 20 percent.

"That can change daily because people keep calling and if we keep plowing there will be more," says Newcomb. "The more snow you get, the more damage you get, due to the fact you have to keep pushing the road wider to make room for the next storm," says Newcomb.

Curb repairs

Curb repairs are the last damages to get tackled.

"They can sit around and wait," says Petkus. "There's nothing really pressing except it looks bad."

There's about 60 locations on Andover side streets where curbs were hit too hard. According to Petkus, there's a range from two to 50 feet of damaged curb in these spots throughout town.

"You have to guess at where that pavement actually is" while plowing, Petkus says, adding it's not always easy plow drivers to know where roads end when everything is beneath a heavy blanket of snow.

Newcomb says there are two or three men out correcting the plow-induced problems every day, weather permitting. Although reports of damage have continued to come until June during some years, he says workers will get around to repairing everything.

Selectmen to become crooners?

By Andrea Gregory

The best-case scenario for one selectman's latest idea: Residents see how patriotic its elected leaders are. The worst-case scenario: residents see why none of them chose a career in singing.

Selectman Brian Major wants selectmen to open each meeting by singing *America* (*My Country 'tis of Thee*).

Major is adamant about Andover officially adopting the slogan "Home of America." He says he would like to see it happen this year.

What will the change do? Letterhead and stationary proclaiming Andover to be the home of America may be in the future. A logo with this saying could show up on the town Web

site.

But Major doesn't want this project to financially burden the town in any way. After all, it's about patriotism, not price tags. So while Andover is waiting for supplies with the current letterhead to run out, Major suggests a little song to pass the time.

It is believed the song *America* was written by Rev. Samuel Francis Smith while he was in Andover. Whether he ever intended for it to be sung at selectmen meetings we'll never know, but Andover may soon see it happen.

"My singing voice isn't the best," admits Selectman Mary Lyman who said she sees the patriotism in the plan.

"I'm not a great singer so I don't look forward to that," says

Selectman Ted Teichert adding it would take up time, but he would go along with whatever the board decided.

Selectman John Hess says he couldn't see them singing every week, adding he doesn't see himself as a singer either, but the idea would be something the group would have to discuss.

"It's not a bad idea, but I don't think it will be one that will catch fire," says Hess. "If we were singers we would be in a different line of work."

He suggests bringing in volunteer singers.

"Somehow it could break the tone of the meeting," says Selectman Chairman Ray Hender. "I think our moment of silence and pledge of allegiance is adequate."

Cost of health insurance plans vary

■ INSURANCE COSTS

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into consideration.

Town employees cover 35 percent of the cost of their health care, the town picks up the rest. The specific plans and the details of the plans are bargained with the unions.

Town employees have three basic health insurance plans to choose from: Master Medical, Master Health Plus and HMO Blue. All are offered under Blue Cross Blue Shield. They are also offered a vision service plan and Delta Dental for dental work.

HMO Blue is the most popular health insurance plan, says Marconi. She estimates about 780 active employees are on the plan. It is the only plan that pays for preventative care. Employees choose from a network of doctors in Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire.

HMO Blue is also the cheapest plan for the town and the employee. A family plan under HMO Blue costs the town \$589 per month. The employee pays \$177. A plan for a single employee under HMO Blue costs the town \$232 a month. The employee pays \$54.

There are also \$5 co-pay-

ments for most regular doctor visits for single or family plans, \$25 for an emergency room visit.

Master Medical and Master Health Plus are older plans and focus on illness and injury visits. A family plan under Master Health or Master Health Plus costs the town \$728 a month. Employees pay \$392. Single plans cost \$304; employees pay \$164.

Employees on Master Medical pay 20 percent of doctors visits. Master Health Plus has a \$5 co-payment.

Marconi says that some employees choose the more expensive plans because they believe the higher cost means they must offer better benefits. Some choose them because they don't want to be told who to choose for a doctor, she says. HMO Blue also doesn't offer chiropractic care.

Master Health and Master Health Plus are now defunct health insurance plans not available to the average consumer. The plans are no longer offered in the private sector, even to employees of Blue Cross Blue Shield, said Hall. Master Health was the first plan offered by

Blue Cross Blue Shield in the 1960s, and Master Health Plus was an attempt to merge the old plan with newer HMO-style plans.

Human Resources holds information forums to educate employees about what each plan can offer them. Last week a forum was held for the police. Marconi says she won't encourage an employee to go for a cheaper plan if it doesn't make sense for the employee, but she does point out the potential savings, which benefits the town and the employee.

Marconi says human resources also encourages employees to mail order prescriptions, which gives a three-month supply of medication for the price of one month.

Along with out-of-district special education cost overruns — an annual phenomenon for many years — and a tough winter for snow removal, the health insurance spike led to a \$406,000 cut in spending for next year. The town and schools split the hit, increasing town fees and cutting back on school computer and textbook purchases while cutting school up-keep and improvement plans.

Health Insurance plans	Total cost/month	Town cost/month	Employee cost/month
HMO Blue Family	\$766	\$589	\$177
HMO Blue Single	\$286	\$232	\$54
Master Medical Family	\$1,120	\$728	\$392
Master Medical Single	\$468	\$304	\$164
Master Health Plus Family	\$1,120	\$728	\$392
Master Health Plus Single	\$468	\$304	\$164

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Town Meeting article

Setting rules for converting homes to units

By Andrea Gregory

Town officials are considering whether to amend a Town Meeting warrant article that would change the rules on converting homes into apartments. The new bylaw would add an affordable-housing requirement to any conversion that expands on the existing building.

Officials hope amending their conversion article will satisfy at least one neighborhood in Andover that has concerns about the bylaw.

Speaking on behalf of some other downtown residents, Abigail O'Hara of 63 Central St. has told selectmen and the Housing Partnership Committee she believes the article may contain loop holes that would leave the downtown feeling too urbanized.

On Monday, the Housing Partnership Committee listened local residents and considered possible amendments to the conversion guidelines that will

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Residents on High Street have petitioned to stop homes such as the white one above from being expanded and converted into multi-unit dwellings.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, April 2 - At 11:33 a.m., Igor Rakuz, 28, of 28 Commercial St., Marblehead, was arrested on Fox Hill Road by Merrimack College police and charged with possession of a class D substance and on a warrant charge for failing to appear at jury duty.

At 9:27 a.m., Timothy Donohue, 38, of 45 Middle Road, Haverhill, was arrested on Essex Street, and charged with assault and battery, destruction of property worth more than \$250, disorderly conduct and threatening to commit a crime.

Thursday, April 3 - At 10:56 p.m., David Mitchell, 45, of 820 Main St., Concord, was arrested on North Main Street, and charged with driving drunk.

Sunday, April 6 - At 12:36 a.m., Joseph Bonenfant, 46, of 4 Ridge St., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence.

At 7:35 a.m., Beth Flaschner, 33, of 19 Smith Ave., Reading, was arrested at the Interstate-495 northbound ramp at the scene of an accident. She charged with a subsequent offense of driving with a suspended license after being hit by another driver. The other driver was issued with a written warning for an unsafe lane change.

At 2:45 p.m., Robert Donovan, 70, of 131 Northern Boulevard,

Newbury, was arrested on Main Street, and charged with a subsequent offense of driving with a suspended license, an equipment violation and on warrant charges for fines owed.

At 11:58 p.m. a woman reported she was having a fight with her boyfriend and needed help. Mark Aldrich, 30, of 12 Maple St. was later arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Monday, April 7 - At 1:51 p.m., Robert Wile, 51, of 25 High

St., Salisbury, was arrested on Main Street and charged with driving with a suspended license.

At 7:11 p.m., Jeremy McNeil, 26, of 341 Lake Ave., Manchester, NH, was arrested on River Road and charged with carrying a dangerous weapon and on a warrant for break and entry.

At 7:41 p.m., Christopher Squeglia, 35, of 200 Wilson St., Manchester, NH, was arrested on River Road and charged with possession of a class B substance with intent to distribute and on a

warrant for stealing a car.

THEFTS

Friday, April 4 - At 6:05 p.m., a woman reported that someone had taken her wallet from her unlocked car while she was picking up her child at Little Sprouts Day Care.

Tuesday, April 8 - At 9:43 a.m., a bank employee reportedly stole some checks.

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Ret. firefighter, 48, sues town for age discrimination

By Meir Rinde

A retired firefighter is suing the town for age discrimination, saying he was illegally barred from returning to his former job with the Andover Fire Department.

Walter T. Winward, 48, a resident of Lawrence and Belmont, N.H., retired in April 2001 after 23 years with the department, but reapplied a year later, according to legal filings.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski turned him down in September, writing in a letter that "it would not be in the town's best interest to allow retirees to return to active duty at their discretion." Since retired workers are mostly over 40, the policy effectively discriminates on the basis of age, Winward's lawyers say.

Winward filed suit in state Superior Court last month after making a complaint to the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination late last year.

Stapczynski declined to comment, but his letter said he did not want to set a precedent that

would apply to future police and fire retirees.

"Simply put, it would not be prudent to allow public safety workers to retire and return at will," he wrote. "To do so would put in constant flux any number of hiring and promotional decisions within these departments."

Winward and his lawyer, Robert S. Mantell of the Boston firm Rodgers, Powers and Schwartz, declined to comment.

To win the case, Winward must convince a jury that the official reason given for passing him over is actually a cover for discrimination, said Jay Shepherd, an employment attorney with the Shepherd Law Group in Boston.

After seeing the complaint, Shepherd said Winward faces an uphill battle. "You have to be able to show evidence of bias, and that's hard to do," said Shepherd, who defends companies in employment lawsuits. "They're going to have to show that the reason the town manager gave - that this would mess up the retirement system - is a lie. But it's probably legitimate."

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Opinion

Sunglasses in the desert and other gifts

When the going gets tough for others, Andover people get going – to lend a hand. That's one of Andover's great traditions, far more powerful than painting The Rock at Andover High School or getting a coconut on Memorial Day, or dressing one's kid for the July 4 Horribles Parade.

The war in Iraq has been the latest catalyst for Andover residents to reach out and help.

Since the war started, John Doherty, town veterans service agent, has been deluged with calls from residents asking "What can I do?" Cub Scouts such as those in Den 79 were among the many who sent loads of supplies to grateful soldiers such as Mark Casey, whose parents wrote a letter this week acknowledging the effort. Others have looked to help the nervous families here in Andover. People have offered to do everything from mow their lawns to take out their garbage, if needed.

After an article ran last week about creating a network of people who have spouses or children on active duty, Doherty says a military-family support network began to come together quickly. "We've had people call up to do babysitting, shopping," says Doherty. "They have been significant offers from very well-meaning and motivated people."

None of which is anything new. When Doherty served in Vietnam, the *Townsmen* reported that there was a toothbrush shortage there. Doherty didn't lack a toothbrush – but he received 250 toothbrushes anyway. Residents are again erring on the side of caution now. Considering the number of packages the Merrimack Valley Red Cross knows it and the military supply lines can handle delivering, Doherty says the Andover area has already donated so many care packages for soldiers that it could take the supply network six months to deliver it all.

Realistically, people who want care packages to get to a soldier quickly, should get the address of a specific soldier and send the package directly to him or her. Andover now has 23 families with Blue Stars, meaning they have a spouse or child on active duty. Seven of these families have at least one close relative involved in the fighting.

Residents should be proud of the town they live in, and the giving attitude of their neighbors. Those who want to send something to the troops might consider something other than food and clothing. One idea? Doherty suggests wrap-around sunglasses would be popular. The Iraqi desert will get painfully bright as spring continues.

Web question

How must damage caused by snow plows should the town reimburse?

This week's Web question: **How responsible should the town be for damage done by snow plow trucks? Right now the town is covering the cost of replacing and repairing mailboxes and sprinkler heads, along with patching up lawns and taking care of curbside damage. Who should be paying for these repairs?**

• It's like the old expression goes, you break it you buy it. The town should be covering all these costs.

• The town should do limited repairs, based on the severity of the damage. This was a brutal winter, and some problems are unavoidable.

• Mailbox replacement only. Residents should expect some damage to their lawn. The snow must go somewhere.

• Residents should pick up the tab for all these things.

To cast a vote, surf to www.andover-townsmen.com.



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A PACK'S PACKAGES



Pack 79 members Ben Wang and Matt Koulouris cut out cards to send to Iraq, while (in photo at right) Evan Gaj and Miller Martin filled boxes last Thursday night.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

LETTERS

Let Iraqis govern

Editor, *Townsmen*:

While we continue to debate the merits of the war on Iraq, we all know that the war will end and Iraq will be, at best, war torn. What happens next is of the utmost importance, not only to Iraq and her citizens, but to the United States and all nations of the world. All proposals of the Bush administration envision an ongoing US presence, directed largely by the Pentagon with little meaningful participation by other countries or the United Nations. In essence, the United States wants to govern not only the United States, but also Iraq. There is something fundamentally flawed with this way of thinking. Iraq has capable leaders who, without the presence of Saddam Hussein, must be brought into the process of governing Iraq. The military brass comprising the Pentagon does not think this way. The United Nations, on the other hand, does. Assisting the leaders of the various Iraqi factions in developing a new government is the essence of the United Nations. As Americans, we must by our actions and financial contributions support a predominately United Nations presence in Iraq upon conclusion of the war.

I agree wholeheartedly with Prime Minister Tony Blair as quoted in the *Los Angeles Times*: "Iraq in the end should not be run by the Americans, should not be run by the British, should not be run by any outside force or power. It should be run for the first time in decades by the Iraqi people."

Rebecca A. Backman
19 Pomeroy Road

A few good boys

Editor, *Townsmen*:

We would like to express sincere and deep appreciation to Cub Scout Pack 79 for the unbelievable outpouring of support for our son Mark, a Marine, presently serving with coalition forces in Iraq/Kuwait. He doesn't have enough room in his sea bag for all the care packages the Scouts sent and he will probably need to requisition a Humvee just to store them all. But I know he will share with all the other Marines in his unit. Mark will be overwhelmed by the generosity and expressions of kindness the Scouts have all shown.

Chris and Donna Casey
Lexington, Mass.

About 'Thursday File'

The Web site for Steve MacDowall's creation is www.hudsonvanloo.ca and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as the ones on this page.

Teachers union representative

Majority of teachers wouldn't support furlough

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Christopher Smith, Andover School Committee, has much of it wrong.

Smith may not have noticed, but the superintendent decided unilaterally that teachers would pay for part of the general budget shortfall by taking a "voluntary" furlough – which wouldn't stop current layoffs, but might "prevent further layoffs." The furlough was inserted as a line in the superintendent's budget without the legal nicety of asking if the faculty would agree to modify their contract. Not one teacher to whom I talked at Andover High School wanted to be furloughed to save unspecified, unnamed positions.

Anyway, the vagaries of the state budget process showed us the futility of planning: suddenly, last week, the budget for Andover was short \$400,000; then, as suddenly, it was balanced, and no one was laid off!

Smith may not realize that, in a democratic union, the support of "many teachers" might not be enough to win a vote binding on all teachers. My read on the sentiments of my colleagues is quite different from his. Smith needs to understand the AEA is a real democracy in matters of the contract, and he needs to understand further that the opinions of a few, expressed, perhaps, to him do not constitute a decision democratically arrived at.

Smith appears not to have consulted the same figures that I accessed on the Web site of the Department of Education. He would then know how Andover is ranked compared to the school systems in Massachusetts to which Andover likes to

compare itself.

We're not talking about the top systems in the state, although they have comparable income levels. Andover is barely above the state average in its funding. Thus, the town looks like an add-on to the bottom of that list of schools. Obviously, had Andover chosen a list of systems closer to the state average, it would still be ranked in the middle of the average systems.

Smith cannot argue other than that teachers are hired to teach and we do it pretty well. We use our own time and, often, our own money, to do an even better job. The School Committee was elected, and, by law (the Education Reform Act of 1993) its members are required to advocate for education in its district. It has not done so. When the AEA sits down to bargain with the School Committee over the impacts of the under-funding of the budget, as they must, by law, we don't want to hear the committee talk about the "best interests of the children." If that were the dri-

ving force behind the budget approved by the committee, there might be room for discussion of "best interests" at the table. The action of the School Committee has taken the best interests of the children off the table.

I'll continue to do my teaching job and my job as an association representative; I just wish that Smith and the School Committee would do theirs. When the damage occurs, the committee may again feel the need to resort to the creative finger-pointing that Smith has chosen for his advocacy. The Andover Education Association will continue to work to find solutions that will keep all educators employed while maintaining the quality of education, which the children deserve. These efforts have been ignored and dismissed by the central office and the School Committee, and this is not in the best interests of anyone.

Tim Van Wey
Salem, Mass.
Science Department
Andover High School

LETTERS POLICY

THE *Townsmen* accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters must be typed and no longer than two, double-spaced pages. All letter writers must include addresses and phone numbers with their letters. The phone numbers will not be published.

The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

Letters should be received by the *Townsmen* by Monday at 5 p.m. for consideration in that week's paper. They may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail. As a general rule, the paper does not publish anonymous letters or thank-you letters.

It also does not publish letters for candidates in the issue prior to an election.

THE THURSDAY FILE

There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.

JOHN A. HOLMES

You can change your beliefs so they empower your dreams and desires. Create a strong belief in yourself and what you want.

MARCIA WIEDER

In the midst of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer.

ALBERT CAMUS

Resolve to perform what you ought. Perform without fail what you resolve.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

No matter what age you are, or what your circumstances might be, you are special, and you still have something unique to offer. Your life, because of who you are, has meaning.

BARBARA DE ANGELIS

As long as I have any choice in the matter, I will live only in a country where civil liberty, tolerance and equality of all citizens before the law are the rule.

ALBERT EINSTEIN

Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.

CARL JUNG

It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed.

NAPOLEON HILL

Eleanor Roosevelt quotation:

It is not fair to ask of others what you are unwilling to do yourself.

Best quotation sent:

Every creature is better alive than dead, men and moose and pine trees, and he who understands it aright will rather preserve its life than destroy it.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

LETTERS

We are all linked together

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am grateful for the page 1 article in last week's *Townsmen*, "Support our Troops' Families." It expressed some of the compassion and struggle that Elizabeth Freidberg is experiencing since the US initiated its attack on Iraq. There is also another piece of the story. The narrative is also about how she carries in her heart and in her prayer the plight of the citizens of Iraq. In this article, the dimension of personal sacrifice and contribution is noted; her willingness to offer a helping hand to other family members in this area who are closely impacted by this conflict is also stated; but, in addition, Freidberg identifies with mothers in Baghdad whose plight is far greater than her own. Her compassion extends to all who suffer.

The South Church family is privileged to have Freidberg as a witness in our midst. She reminds us that we are all children of God, a God who does not see borders but "so loves the world." In her heart and mind, she, and we, and are not only privileged citizens of this country, but are inextricably linked with all of humanity.

The Rev. Dr. Katherine Kallis
Hingham, Mass.

(Kallis is minister of spirituality and vocation of Andover's South Church.)

We must live within the resources taxpayers provide

Editor, *Townsmen*:

After months of debate, discussion and deliberation, the selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee have all agreed to support the town manager's recommended budget as it will be reflected in the Finance Committee report in preparation for Town Meeting. Our group, Andover Taxpayers Organization, also has done an in-depth analysis of both budgets (town and school) and we concur that this budget, while not including all the benefits of past budgets, is reflective of the difficult situation we face this coming fiscal year. Therefore, we also support the town manager's budget and urge people to vote in support, as it will be presented, considering it a reasonable compromise. Any attempt to amend the motions from the floor we feel will lead not only to chaos and conflict, but damage the rapport and congeniality that has marked this year's discussion. We must build on these positive working relationships to prepare for future budget meetings.

The situation is far worse next year. Of immediate concern is the fact that we will end Town Meeting with only \$450,000 in free cash. This figure is woefully low for emergency uses in a total budget of \$11 million and is nowhere near the stated policy of maintaining

3 to 5 percent of the budget in this account. This year's free cash vanished in an unexpected sea of additional health-care, special-education and snow-plowing expenses. That doesn't bode well for next year.

Our analysis concludes the '04 budget is simply not sustainable and Andover is facing the possibility of huge future cuts. The state has indicated Andover will receive a one-time payment of \$1.6 million as "mitigation" money for the loss of state aid this year. The decision was made to place all of these dollars into the operating budget. This \$1.6 million will not be available next year and there is some concern, considering the huge state deficit, this figure could be subject to change by the legislature, further exacerbating the problem and resulting in the necessity of further cuts. The projection put forward so far for '05 is a further reduction of between 15 and 20 percent.

We find ourselves in an unenviable position next year. Because Andover has abandoned its previous policy, it's reached its levy limit, which means it has no excess taxing capacity. The stabilization fund was raided last year, also for operating budget, so the balance there is zero. SPED costs have been underestimated once again, forcing the town to use its

meager free cash to meet this mandated requirement. The fact this happens every year speaks to a process that must be adjusted to more accurately reflect reality.

There is nothing to suggest that health-care costs will do anything but increase. The state says the SBAB reimbursement payment due to begin in '05 will be delayed, leaving the town grapple with how to handle the \$1.8 million we were scheduled to receive. All of these items and several more will impact next year's budget, in the face of declining local revenues. The assessor has stated Andover's new growth figure will not be nearly as robust as in the past. The state and federal economic slowdown is already creating havoc with personal finances.

So, the news is not good. All of our skills will be needed to manage our lessened resources and continue to provide the services people request. The taxpayers have spoken loudly and clearly in the recent past about additional taxes so it is likely cuts will be mandated. Our group will continue our involvement and continue our focus of representing those who agree we must, no matter how difficult, live within the resources we already provide.

Chris Holmes
14 Whispering Pines Lane

Merrimack Valley YMCA available for families of personnel called to duty

At the Merrimack Valley YMCA's March board of directors' meeting, the board unanimously passed a resolution to grant YMCA family membership privileges to spouses and children of activated military personnel who have been called to active duty as a result of the homeland defense initiative, according to John J. Driscoll, chairman of the Merrimack Valley YMCA board of directors.

People who would like to take advantage of membership privileges should stop by either the Andover/North Andover Branch YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover or the Lawrence Branch YMCA, 40 Lawrence St. in Lawrence. Further details and an application form will be available at the branch member-service departments.

Sign-ups today for Alzheimer's group

"Practical Alzheimer's Care," a conference for family and professional care givers of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease, will be April 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Andover Wyndham, Old River Road. Experts in the field will present the most current information on the disease including: research updates; legal and financial concerns; health and long-term care; and therapeutic approaches to care. Conference cost is \$20/person; \$40/family; \$25/person if applying for RN, LPN or SW Ceu's. This 15th annual conference is sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and the Merrimack Valley Alzheimer's Partnership. Registration deadline: April 10. Call Barbara Brandt-Saret, 978-683-7747, Ext. 350 for information.

POLICE LOG

INCIDENTS

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INCIDENTS

Wednesday, April 2 - At 6:35 p.m., a mother locked her 3-month-old and 2-year-old children in the car and needed assistance.

Saturday, April 5 - At 7:51 p.m., Amherst Police reported that Katya Yerozlimsky was hurt in a fire and wanted to contact her parents.

Monday, April 7 - At 9:16 p.m., a Brookside Drive mother reported her 14-year-old daughter missing.

Tuesday, April 8 - At 11:37 a.m., an ambulance assisted at Lowell Street with a 27-month-

old who was having a seizure.

ACCIDENTS

Saturday, April 5 - At 6:49 a.m., a driver's arm was hurt in a car accident on Haggetts Pond Road.

At 10:43 a.m., injuries were reported after a two-car injury on North Street.

Monday, April 7 - At 2:11 p.m., injuries were reported after a two-car crash on North Main Street.

Tuesday, April 8 - At 7:39 a.m., a car spun out on Salem Street and required a tow truck. The driver was found outside "pulling a nutty," according to the police log.

- COMPILED BY BEN HELLMAN

Single set of hands for elder care could keep ball from getting dropped

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I would like to alert elders and their families to a proposed change that Gov. Mitt Romney has made to Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) by placing it under the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. While the average citizen may not be concerned with the placement of state bureaucracies, I fear this change could affect the options offered to elders when they need long-term care services either at home or in a nursing home.

Thirty years ago, elder advocates fought for an Executive Office of Elder Affairs to have within its mission the creation of home- and community-based services for elders. Today we have a number of programs all designed to provide elders who need help with choices for their long-term care needs. While these programs have been targeted for cuts, my main concern is their survival under the huge bureaucracy of the new super agency called Health and Human Services, whose focus has been on health care and institutional services for elders.

I understand and even commend the governor for trying to "think out of the box" in creating efficiencies in how bureaucracies are designed, but I beg him to

"think out of the box" when it comes to the delivery of needed long-term care services.

If we want to do something bold and innovative, let's not think of long-term care as being made of nursing-home dollars and community-service dollars. They are all long-term care dollars and should follow elders wherever they live. Long-term care funding should be seen as one funding stream under a sec-

retary whose focus is on elders. Let's not diminish the focus of EOEA at a time when the state needs it most. We should create a system where the dollars flow easily and follow the elders rather than recreating another huge bureaucracy with several divisions responsible for only part of the long-term care continuum. Hopefully, if Romney is sincerely interested in efficiencies, he will rethink his approach

to service delivery and not concentrate his efforts strictly on the boxes of state government.

Rosanne J. DiStefano
Executive Director
Elder Services
of the Merrimack Valley

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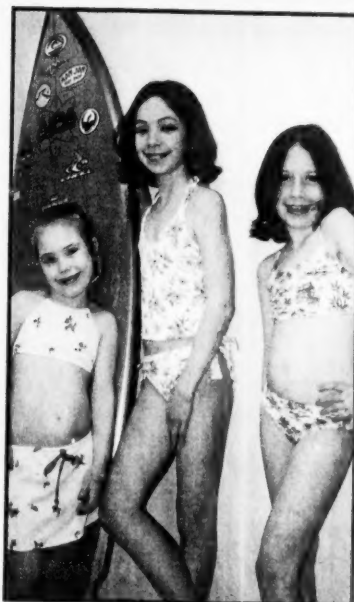
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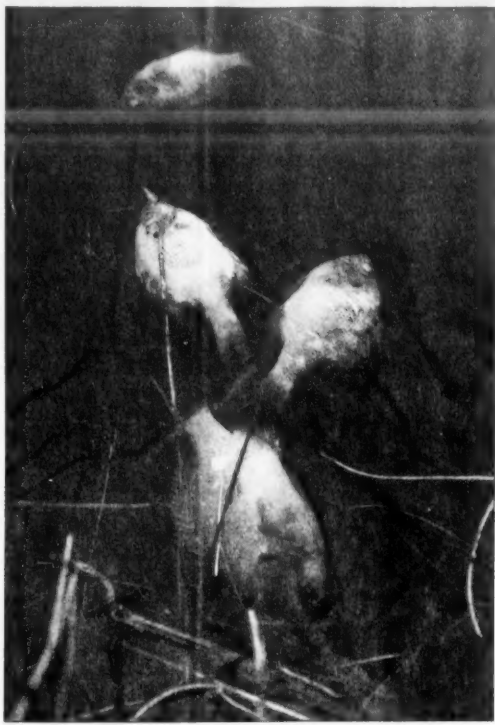


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Dead fish floating in Poms Pond had some residents calling the state.

Poms' dead fish a natural occurrence

By Ben Hellman

Dead fish washing up on the shores of Poms Pond may disturb some early spring visitors, but the deaths are caused by a natural phenomenon, says a state wildlife biologist.

Richard Hartley, aquatic biologist and fish kill coordinator for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, knows Poms Pond by name. He has already received several phone calls from Andover people this spring about its dead fish.

Hartley called the natural phenomenon "winter fish kill," and says the unusually cold and snowy winter is likely the cause. When ponds — particularly shallow, weedy ponds like Poms — freeze over, the oxygen levels in the water can plummet, says Hartley. Such low oxygen levels can cause fish to die.

Though many fish can adapt to lower oxygen levels because their metabolism slows down, he says, oxygen can become too depleted for the fish to breathe.

Fish "waking up" in the spring and becoming active before oxygen levels return to normal also may struggle. Hartley says fish can become over-stressed and die even after the ice is gone. He says fish can sometimes be seen coming to the surface gulp-

ing for air.

Hartley says the ice covering can also lead to a "rotten-egg" smell that has frightened some Massachusetts residents into believing a pond has been polluted. This smell was reported last year at Poms during a similar fish kill.

The chemical causing the rotten-egg smell is hydrogen sulfide, a byproduct produced by bacteria breaking down vegetable matter — dead weeds.

The bacteria thrive in the low oxygen environment under the ice. Hydrogen sulfide is released harmlessly into the air when the ice melts.

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife received enough calls this year to issue a press release about winter fish kills. Hartley has started a data base including 15 other Massachusetts ponds — all shallow and weedy, such as Poms.

Hartley encouraged people to contact the division or check its Web site for more information.

Those interested can get in touch at: Division of Fisheries and Wildlife Field Headquarters, One Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581; or by calling 508-792-7270; or by viewing the Web site at www.mass-wildlife.org.

SCHOOLS

Union, committee member spar on budget

By Ben Hellman

In the aftermath of last week's turbulent school budget vote, School Committee member Christopher Smith and teachers union head Tom Meyers are firing volleys at one another using the written word.

One of the main issues of debate is whether the union should vote on a furlough, which would have school employees neither work nor be paid for two planning days to save \$364,000.

The latest words came in a letter delivered by Meyers and attributed to the Executive Board of the Andover Education Association. The letter criticizes Smith for blaming the union leadership for teacher layoffs because it wouldn't put the superintendent's two-day unpaid furlough plan to a vote. Smith made the charge last week.

"Many teachers would accept one or two unpaid days to avoid layoffs or a more modest pay increase so we could keep their fellow teachers employed," Smith said in a statement. "Regrettably, Tom Meyers has refused to put these ideas before his union membership for a vote, even though they were suggested several months ago by the superintendent."

Union leadership did not respond directly to Smith's suggestion that the union be allowed

to vote on the furlough matter. Instead it criticized the idea of a furlough. "Brilliant," the union letter responded, "any business would have a better profit margin if its employees worked for free."

The letter also accused Smith of running for office last year without any knowledge of the school budget and not contributing budget alternatives at a bargaining meeting in March.

Meyers addressed the furlough in a letter he sent teachers in February, writing, "Dr. (Claudia) Bach has attempted to blackmail the Andover staff on the issues of school funding. Dr. Bach is unilaterally trying to impose a furlough on the staff for next year. Are the Andover budget problems to be solved on the backs of the hard-working staff?"

Meyers has frequently urged the School Committee and administration to demand a greater share of the town budget, and argued for a tax override to support the schools.

Smith forced Meyers and other teachers to state where they lived at the last School Committee meeting and cut debate short after several emotional speeches by teachers. "We don't hold a forum for people who live outside of the town to show up and voice any concerns

that they have," Smith said last week. "Tom Meyers has made a habit over the years of trying to hijack the School Committee meetings as his soapbox. But he misstates facts and he inaccurately describes the funding levels provided to education in Andover."

The union letter referred to Smith's call for teachers to announce their town of residence as "insult, innuendo and infantile accusations."

The union letter closed saying Andover teachers are still willing to find solutions through the bargaining process. Meyers wouldn't comment on the matter before the union's executive statement was released. He dropped the letter off at the *Townsmen* front desk on Tuesday and didn't return a phone call to the *Townsmen* before press time.

Smith was out of town when the union response was released and didn't return a phone call. Previous to that, he said his criticism was directed at union leadership and not the union membership and that his words were not meant as a personal attack on Meyers.

Newly elected committee member Art Barber supported Smith's call for the union to be allowed to vote on a furlough, saying that he knew anecdotally

of several teachers who would support it to save jobs.

Barber said this week that Meyers has not responded to attempts to meet since Barber was a candidate. "I'm only one of five, but I am one of five. He called other candidates to congratulate them after the election," said Barber. About meeting with Meyers, Barber said "I'm still waiting for his call."

Committee chairwoman Tina Girdwood said Smith was acting on his own when he issued his press release and she hoped that the union and School Committee would sit down to talk.

Before Bach dropped the furlough proposal at the beginning of March, the schools expected to cut the equivalent of 40 positions, 10 fewer than now planned.

The actual number of people who will lose their job is unclear because the job cuts are counted in "full-time equivalents."

If two half-time workers lose their jobs, the school administration counts them as one full-time position. If two full-time workers are reduced to half-time, it is also counted as one full-time position lost, even though neither person is being laid off.

In addition, some people will leave of their own accord, retire, or see their work hours and responsibilities change.

Franciscan building may be used for school

AUTISTIC SCHOOL

Continued from page 1

The 72,000 square foot building at 357 River Road, known as the Christian Formation Center, once held weddings and other functions through the Franciscan Friary at 359 River Road. Now the Christian Formation Center, along with 22 acres, is being sold off to Ed Doherty who has been in the land-developing business for 15 years. He has partnered with Kevin Hill and Bill Sharpy and plans to preserve the building by turning it into a school, such as Melmark's school for autistic children, while adding 10 large single-family houses.

"My intentions are to maintain the building just as it's zoned, for education or religion, and I don't want to do anything the town won't embrace," says Doherty. "I'm very straightforward about this project."

"You're not going to see me before the board of appeals or any other board asking for relief," says Doherty. "I am not looking for any kind of relief from zoning. I am not looking for any kind of relief from the town."

According to the developers' plans, the school will sit on an eight-acre lot. This year's Town Meeting Article 50 would allow for the friary and the potential school building to enter into an agreement with Lowell and Tewksbury for an in-town sewer

Town Meeting article

Sewer tie-in to site

The possibility of a school for autistic children and a 10-home neighborhood coming to River Road is in the works and a Town Meeting warrant article could help the deal progress. But the potential buyer says residents' vote won't make or break the deal.

Article 50 in the warrant proposes allowing 359 River Road, the Franciscan friary and 357 River Road, the Christian Formation Center to connect to town sewer through Andover officials entering into agreement with Lowell and Tewksbury.

The 72,000 square foot Christian Formation Center building, along with 22 acres, is being sold off to Ed Doherty, Kevin Hill and Bill Sharpy who have plans to preserve the building by turning it into a school for autistic children while adding 10 single-family houses to the land.

Eight-acres of land will be sold with the existing building. The rest of the land will

be used to form 10 sites for four-bedroom, single-family homes to sell for about \$900,000 each. A portion of the land may potentially be given to Andover Village Improvement Society, a conservation group. Doherty says they have plans to grant an easement to AVIS at Town Meeting that will allow for a walkway to the river.

"We're going to propose it as a friendly amendment that we're going to give open space to AVIS," he says.

After Town Meeting decides if the property will be allowed to hook to the sewer line, the deals to sell the land will become finalized, say those involved. Doherty says this is the first time he has purchased land in Andover.

"If he proposes anything not under Dover which deals with sites used for educational or religious purposes) he's in trouble," says Planning Director Steve Colyer.

— Andrea Gregory

line connection (see sidebar).

Troy says the Christian Formation Center site isn't the only space in Andover the school is

considering. He did not want to disclose the other possible location, but did say it would be new construction, rather than the ren-

ovation project necessary at the Franciscan site. With either location, Troy says the building construction would take about a year to finish. He hopes to finalize a deal within the next month or so.

There are 70 students, ages 5 to 21, in the residential and day-school programs at Melmark. "We do serve a pretty wide area," says Troy about the many communities students come from. There are currently students from Andover who attend the school.

The property is currently owned by the Franciscans. Nothing has been finalized, but Father Robert Canpagna says they have been in negotiations with Doherty, Hill and Sharpy. "We have a contract to sell the building to them," says Canpagna.

Canpagna says selling off the land is not a sign the friary is leaving. He says 459 River Road is the home to seven monks. "Our cemetery is there," he adds.

The Franciscan Friary is also a retreat center that holds religious getaways and rents its space for many Catholic schools to host retreats of their own. Canpagna says they're booked for the next two years.

He says the thought of an school for autistic children moving next door to the friary is pleasing to him.

"I think it's wonderful. It would be a very nice use of the property," he says. "I think they would be great neighbors."

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Townspeople

TOWN TALK

Using the right bait...

You can't buy love, but getting married in Andover is a deal compared to the cost of fishing and hunting, thanks to rates set by the federal government.

The going rates for a marriage license in town are \$15 for a marriage intent form and \$5 for a certified copy of the marriage license — less than the cost of fishing, hunting, trapping and sporting.

Fishing will cost residents \$28.50.

Fishing rates and other outside animal-catching license costs are mandated by the federal government. The current prices for these activities have been in place since 1998.

According to Randy Hanson, the town clerk, the price of a marriage license was last increased on June 12, 1990, by \$2.

The town of Andover controls the cost of a marriage license as well as birth and death certificates. A copy of each costs only \$5. A person can get a birth, marriage and death certificate all for about what it costs to go fishing legally.

— Andrea Gregory

Mr. Chairman?

New School Committee member Art Barber nominated fellow member Christopher Smith to head the committee last week, following Barber's election to the board.

A new chairperson and secretary are nominated within the group after each election.

Smith smiled and thanked Barber, but turned down the nomination, saying he wanted to preserve continuity in that position through Town Meeting. Tina Girdwood was reelected as chairwoman and Dick Collins remains secretary.

Smith has voiced frustration with the length and organization of meetings. He bought each member a copy of *Robert's Rules of Order*, a parliamentary procedure manual, and has reminded Girdwood at open meetings of the rules and responsibilities of the chairwoman.

Barber says he hasn't decided whether he would nominate Smith a second time, after Town Meeting, but he believes both Smith and Girdwood would do a good job. He said he nominated Smith, thinking Girdwood would not accept a nomination for another term as chairwoman.

— Ben Hellman

Marathon effort for Wellness

On Patriots Day, April 21, longtime Andover resident Amy Knowles will run the Boston Marathon for the first time on behalf of the Wellness Community's Strides for Hope team. Knowles, principal of the Andover Group, will be joined by business partner Wendy Pelosi, as the team hopes to raise \$5,000 for the organization.

"With just over a week to go, we're in 'taper' mode and are as ready as we'll ever be for the race. We are now focused on staying healthy and attaining our fundraising goal," said Knowles. "We are asking our friends, colleagues and the Andover community to support us in our efforts."

Since 1982, the Wellness Community has been helping individuals living with cancer and their families by providing them with the support, information and hope they will need to take an active role in their treatment. Weekly support groups and diagnosis-specific networking groups, led by professional counselors, bring people with cancer together to help themselves and each other fight for recovery.

To make a tax-deductible donation, make checks payable to the Wellness Community and forward to the Andover Group, PO Box 5165, Andover, 01810.

ON THE SCENE

Defending kids in family court

Local fundraiser helps court volunteer program suffering from state budget blues

WHEN WORD CAME DOWN that state budget cuts were imminent and an important volunteer court program was on the chopping block, Lawrence Judge Jose Sanchez knew he had to do something. He decided to start making house calls around Merrimack Valley, showing up in homes, at dinners or wherever there was a chance to raise money for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program.

Last Thursday night, Sanchez was at an Andover home, thrilled by the large

crowd that greeted him to hear more about CASA, which links volunteers to kids involved in the court system, often as part of abuse and neglect cases.



ON THE SCENE

Judy Wakefield

"This is the largest crowd I've addressed," said Sanchez — the only man in a sea of more than 50 women gathered at Lisa McDonald's home on Durham Drive. "There are usually just a handful of people at these things. This is a terrific turnout. I am so pleased."

McDonald, ex-president of the Andover Society, has moved on to the League of Women Voters. The League took the call from state Sen. Sue Tucker of Andover — a strong CASA supporter — about Sanchez's house calls and McDonald tapped her Rolodex and opened her home. The crowd was mostly made up of current and former Andover and League members.

They graciously listened to Sanchez's plea for donations and then tossed personal checks into a decorative basket on top of the \$20 they paid to attend the wine-and-cheese event. The event lasted two hours and about \$3,500 was raised, McDonald said.

Kathleen Cook, who has been a CASA volunteer for the past six years also worked her telephone to get a good showing at the event with the help of her



Lawrence District Court Judge Jose Sanchez with, from left, Kathleen Cook, Mary Beth Finn and Lisa McDonald, all of Andover, at an Andover fundraiser to raise money for a court program.



CASA bracelets (shown here) designed by Karen Hayman of Andover, sold for \$40 each and were a hot item for fundraising.

Daryl Price (left) and Laurie Verrette, both of Andover, were among the more than 50 local women who attended a fundraiser for a court program that helps kids.

sister, Mary Beth Finn. They are both of Andover and attended wearing silver CASA bracelets designed by their friend Karen Hayman of Andover. Hayman sold the \$40 bracelets at the event and donated proceeds to CASA.

Plain and simple, "CASA helps kids," said Sanchez, adding CASA volunteers are valuable as they offer "one clear unbiased voice" in the numerous court cases he hears in Lawrence District Court.

Those cases often involve troubled families where charges of child abuse, sexual abuse and child neglect have been filed. CASA volunteers are trained to work with the kids involved in these cases to get their sides of the stories.

"We are proud to have this program," said Kay Frishman of Andover, who is executive

director of Family Service Inc. in Lawrence, which oversees CASA and trains volunteers. "It makes a difference in kids' lives."

Lawrence is one of five courts in the state that has the CASA program. McDonald said the entire CASA state budget of \$140,000 has been cut to zero dollars for the upcoming fiscal year. The money is needed to cover volunteer training and oversight costs.

Tucker called the CASA budget slash "a national disgrace for kids."

"Usually there is money for this program, but this year, it's a wing and prayer," she said of the budget blues on Beacon Hill.

She applauded the crowd, saying Andover continues to be "a source of strength" because so many people make time for fundraisers like this one. And they bring their checkbooks.



Bancroft School's student council community service committee organized a penny drive and raised \$1,219.01. All of the loose change donations they collected will help fight cancer.

Penny fever pays off

By Andrea Gregory

A number of students at Bancroft Elementary School put their two cents into charity — and, as a result, raised \$1,219.01.

The school held a penny drive last month with all donations going to the Leukemia Lymphoma Society, dedicated to fighting blood-related cancers.

"It was really a big success because all the classrooms participated," says Selectman Mary Lyman.

Lyman, who is a parent and an adviser, says it was great to see even the younger children excited to be a part of such an important cause and a selfless gesture. Everyone was smiling when the totals were announced last Friday at the school.

The Bancroft School student council community service committee, made up of fourth- and fifth-graders, sponsored the drive during the last three weeks of March.

Lyman says Allie Hall and Kellie Walsh, co-chairs of the committee, really took on leadership roles and went around to each classroom explaining the cause and the result of contributions.

"That's what we're trying to do," Lyman says. "Have the student government develop these skills."

Every classroom had a designated box into which kids spent three weeks emptying out the loose change they had floating around their pockets. Some brought in larger contributions.

Lyman says the boxes weren't huge, but they got heavy and some of them had to be emptied more than once.

How does Lyman know the weight of success? As the parent adviser she was the one to lug the jingling and clanking collections down to the Coinstar machine that sorted the change.

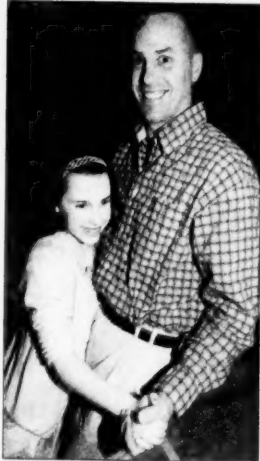
She says last year, the first time they held a penny drive, much time was spent counting and rolling.

"The good news is you can go to Coinstar," says Lyman, adding that the great news is both the success of the event and seeing the young minds of Andover pulling together and making a difference.

High Plain Father/Daughter Dance

Photos by Tim Jean

High Plain Elementary School held a Father/Daughter Dance Friday, April 4. Highlights of the fundraiser included music and games with a live DJ and refreshments. The admission price of \$25 included a corsage for the daughter and a photo of the father with their daughter. Proceeds benefited the High Plain Elementary PTO.



Jessica & Bob Park



Naisy (left), Kelsey and Ed Flannery



Rachel and Burt Ochs



Sarah and Steve Brown



Lea and Nick Macheras



Hannah and Peter Benjamin



Micayla and Barry McQuade



Iha and Sanjay Kaul

2003 Memorial Lecture

Historical Society looks at 'Andover's Answer to the Mobile Home'

DID YOU KNOW THAT the Harriet Beecher Stowe house at 80 Bartlet St. was once located where the Andover Inn is today? Or that the barn that was once at 297 River Road can now be found at 80 Chestnut St.? Would you like to know where to find the firehouse that once stood where CVS is today?

Houses, parts of houses, barns and other outbuildings were moved with great frequency in the 18th-, 19th- and 20th centuries. Without electrical wires and other utilities to hinder the work, homeowners often chose to move a building rather than build new.

Using photographs from the collections of the Andover Historical Society, local historian James Batchelder will illustrate the 2003 Memorial Lecture, "Les Moveables: Andover's Answer to the Mobile Home," Tuesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Andover Historical Society. The Memorial Lecture is offered free of charge following the Historical Society's annual meeting, which starts at 6:30.

Speaker Jim Batchelder isn't sure how or when this lecture topic started to come together. Batchelder first came to the Andover Historical Society more than 20 years ago to research the history of public schools in Andover for a mural he and some of his Andover High School students were painting. As he researched the schools, it became apparent that many schools in town had been moved to their current locations. Batchelder noted the move and put the information in a file. The file continued to grow.

Joined by former Historical Society's educator and director Barbara Thibault, Batchelder added notes to the file, which eventually grew to document more than 200 buildings that have been moved since the founding of Andover.

During the 18th century, lumber was an expensive material. Wood was manually cut down, moved, and milled. New construction was so expensive and labor intensive that it was easier and less expensive to knock the pegs out of the building, disassemble it, load it onto a wagon and reassemble it at a different location. Today, the situation is reversed. Labor is expensive and materials readily available, so new construction is more common than reuse and movement of old buildings.

The movement of houses and buildings, however, was not uncommon in the 20th century. Batchelder has documented that between 1919 and 1932, 60 to 70 buildings were moved in and around Andover. William Wood moved almost half the buildings in Shawshen Village, and Phillips Academy moved a number of buildings around its campus.

The frequency of building movement slowed considerably after World War II because people wanted new homes, and materials became cheaper.

For more information, call 978-475-2236, or visit the Web site at www.andhist.org.

The Department of Community Services and Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS) finish off their season of co-sponsored, guided walks Sunday, April 13 at the Rocky Hill Reservation. The walk will be led by warden George Blaxter, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Blaxter will also give an introduction to GPS satellite navigation before heading out on the trail.

The walk is offered free for residents' enjoyment of one of Andover's open spaces. Participants should wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Pre-registration is not required. Participants should meet at the parking lot on Gould Road and Route 125. Families are welcome. In the event of rain, call the DCS info line at 978-623-8279. For additional information, call Mary Donohue at 978-623-8274.

DCS will sponsor an egg hunt in the Park this Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. The fun is designed for children ages 2 to 10, with family activities including parachute and Bunny Hop games, photos with the Easter Bunny, story telling, egg decorating, face painting, and a treasure hunt by age.

Bring a decorated hat for a contest. Register at the Park bandstand that morning. The cost is \$7 per child. For information, call 978-623-8274.

Marland Place and Dewhurst Funeral Home are teaming up to offer a free seminar. The topic is making important funeral decisions in advance.

It will be held Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.

The public is invited to attend this informational seminar free of charge. Seating is limited; RSVP to Michelle Muller at 978-475-4225.

Congregation Havurat Shalom's annual family seder will be held at Christ Church, 25 Central St. on Wednesday, April 16 at 6 p.m.

The suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. A

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK



Quota International of Andover recently held installation of new members at Hayscales in North Andover, during a monthly dinner meeting. Guest speaker was Linda Bonetti, Quota District 29 Governor, who talked about happenings within the district, and at the international level, as well as commending the local club for its accomplishments. Bonetti, assisted by membership committee co-chairs Beth Poulo and Joyce Najjar, installed the new members. They were then each presented a red rose. Those installed (from left) were: Jackie Williamson, Henrietta Araujo, Marie Flynn, Nancy Faye Glass, Sandy Levine and Lynn Rothstein. Other new members are Jody Jordan, Eileen Reilly, and Elaine Stein, who will be installed at a later date.

chicken entree will be provided, and attendees are asked to contribute a dish (soup, salad, vegetable or dessert). Contact Sandy Nazzaro at 978-475-9583 by April 12 to make a reservation.

Quota International of Andover, as part of its Quota Cares Spring Project, will hold a story hour this Saturday, April 12 at Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover from 1 to 3 p.m. The stories will be read by Cheryl Hebert, a speech pathologist and Quota member, while Elizabeth Adler, a sign language interpreter, will sign for the hearing-impaired. All children between 5-11 years of age are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Adam and Justin Cherny, of Andover, were presented with Citations of Congratulations from the Board of Selectmen at its March 17 meeting. The certificates recognize the brothers' achievement of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Both brothers were given their Eagle Scout awards at a double Court of Honor held by Troop 76 of the Ballard Vale United Church. Troop 76 is a

member of the North Essex District of the Yankee Clipper Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Adam's Eagle project involved assisting the Ballard Vale Historic Commission. This included the painting of playground equipment and the posts that surround Ballard Vale Green. Under Adam's leadership the Scouts also pho-

tographed and cataloged many houses within the Historic District.

Justin's Eagle project involved assisting the Andover Village Improvement Society. Justin led friends and troop members in the rebuilding of the trail that leads to the Sunset Rock Reservation, which is off Hammond Way. The trail had become overgrown and undefined. People wishing to view the area had been walking through abutters' yards, who in turn complained to AVIS. The restored trail received an earlier commendation from AVIS.

Selectmen presented the Chernys with certificates and recognized the hard work put forth by them to achieve Scouting's highest rank. Fewer than four percent of Scouts earn their Eagle, organizers said.

On Friday, April 11, the Shawshen Village Woman's Club will hold its annual Scholarship Bridge and Luncheon at the United Methodist Church of North Andover. Bridge will be played from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with luncheon at noon. Each year the club awards scholarships to deserving graduates of Andover High and the Greater Lawrence Technical School.



At the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts annual gala Saturday evening, March 29 at the World Trade Center in Boston, Emil Frei of 4 Seminole Circle received the Mollie Moon Award for Volunteer Service. Attending the event were members of the local business community as well as politicians including Sen. Ted Kennedy and Boston mayor Thomas Menino. Frei has served on the board of the Urban League for the past six years and is chairman of its program committee. Pictured at the event are Emil Frei, Bob and Cheryl Eckel, Sen. Kennedy, and Lauren Frei.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - 1903

Andrew McTernan is having his house piped for gas by the Lawrence Gas Co.

Stuart Clement was bitten in the leg by a dog in Frye Village, Thursday morning.

Warren K. Moorehead, curator of the archaeological department at Phillips Academy, started for the Ozark Mountains yesterday.

At last the Parsons Bros. Milk route is in operation and their old customers are being supplied with the same high quality of the creamy product as before the late foot and mouth scare.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Andover Cricket Club Tuesday evening.

Now that the winter months are past and the spring is very much in evidence, many citizens of North Andover are asking themselves, what's to be done in regard to the Andover and Haverhill street railway company?

Examine the large line of wallpapers in all colors and shades at the Andover Bookstore. It will pay you.

The Board of Public Works have put in a larger water supply pipe at the Andover steam laundry, the former pipe not being large enough to supply all the needs of the building.

St. Augustine Church will have charge of a table at "The Patriot's Tea" to be held at City

Hall, Lawrence, Tuesday evening, April 21, under the auspices of the ladies Auxiliary connected with the orphanage asylum.

Fred A. Swanton has sold part of his milk route to George Dumont, who will conduct the business in the future.

The concert and dance in Caledonian Hall, Lawrence, Friday evening, May 1, for the benefit of Robert Lowe, captain of the Andover football team ought to draw a large crowd. Tickets are 25 cents.

All interested are invited to the demonstration of Cooking on a gas range tomorrow afternoon.

John Schnider, who is employed at the Park Street stables, scratched his hand with a pin, Wednesday, and blood poison has set in.

75 Years Ago - 1928

While crossing the Reading road just above Carter's Corner late yesterday afternoon, Vincent Lynch, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Malachi Lynch of Rocky Hill Road, was hit and carried several feet by an automobile and died less than 15 minutes later at Lawrence General Hospital.

Members of the senior class were special guests at the mid-winter meeting of Punched Alumni association held last Friday evening at Punched Hall.

Joseph Murphy of Buxton Court has accepted a position with the Tye Rubber Co.

Patrolman James Walker, policeman in Shawsheen Village for the last five years and recently appointed sergeant in the Andover police department, is at the Shawsheen hospital with two bullet wounds in his right hand.

All the Andover churches have prepared appropriate music for the services on Easter morning and large congregations are expected at the several churches.

William Hamey of Summer Street lost a valuable dog when it was killed by a passing truck.

Miss Annie Lindsay wished to announce that she is giving up her work at her hair dressing parlors in the Carter block for an indefinite period. Miss Lindsay is visiting her sister, Mrs. Louis Cook, in New Bedford.

A gorgeous April day, such a one that would have done credit to June, lent the finishing touch to Andover's first community Easter egg hunt, which was held in the Park Saturday afternoon and was participated in by more than a thousand children between the ages of 6 and 12 years old.

A brand new setting for the Minstrel band greeted the eyes of the expectant spectators when the curtain rose on the annual show given by the Square and Compass Club in

the Town Hall last evening.

The Butlers, a play in two acts, was presented under the direction of Ashley Watson by members of the Girls Friendly Society in Christ Church parish house on Monday evening before a large audience. A successful sale of homemade candy, salted nuts, domestic and fancy articles was held before and after the play.

50 Years Ago - 1953

The teaching of conversational French in the grade schools of Andover continued to flame as an issue with sharply divided camps for and against.

One long blast of the fire whistle at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4 will be the signal for hundreds of youngsters to start their merry scramble in the Easter egg hunt to be held on the park.

Andover chairman of the 1953 Cancer Fund drive is Mrs. Gerry Lebach, 10 George St., it was announced Thursday. Mrs. Lebach said that an urgent need for volunteer workers was the first demand for the drive.

The Andover school system - staggered by the loss of two outstanding educators, who resigned key posts here because the financial grass was greener in other fields - was the hot topic of local concern throughout the week and will continue to be so until Superintendent

Kenneth I. Sherman's successor is chosen.

The Andover selectmen met Saturday and held a hearing for the abutters of the proposed parking area to be constructed in the rear of the Shaw property in the Main Street business district.

From an editorial: Many people believe this is a wonderful period for business and especially "big business." The dollars are rolling in in an endless golden stream, they reason, and about the only worry is how to dispose of them.

A protest against the speeding and noise of sand trucks on the Ballardvale Road was received at Monday night's meeting of the selectmen and referred to the police department for action.

The estimated cost of new buildings, additions and alterations for which permits were issued during March by Building Inspector Ralph W. Coleman totaled \$119,850.

A break in the new West Center elementary school was made over the weekend. No vandalism was committed, the only damage discovered was that done to the door when it was forced to gain admittance to the building.

During the past several weeks, there have been numerous assemblies and group meetings in both Punched and the

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FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Author Janet Stone: On Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m., the senior center will host Janet Stone, author of *My Parents and Alzheimer's: A Daughter's Story*. A lively storyteller, Stone provides a detailed account of what it is like for a middle-aged married daughter to cope with her parents' illness. The author portrays with humor her resolve to turn tragedy into a vibrant life. Reserve your space by purchasing tickets at the senior center by April 10. Cost is \$5. Respite services may also be arranged by contacting Marion Aziz at the center.

Spring Craft and Bake Sale: We invite you to stop by our spring craft, flower and bake sale tomorrow, Friday, April 11. Spring plants, Easter goodies, seasonal crafts and decorations will be available for sale. Doors open at 9 a.m.

Donations of baked goods appreciated. The community is welcome.

Holocaust Presentation: Andover resident Helen Wertheimer will share her compelling personal experience of being a young child aboard the Kindertransport at the senior center on Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m. Wertheimer will also talk about the evacuation of Jewish children from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia from 1938 to 1939 and the consequences of these events. Complimentary tickets are available at the center. The community is cordially invited to join us for this special program.

Hearing Screening: Northeast Rehabilitation Health Network will sponsor a complimentary hearing screening at the center Monday, April 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. This screening will be by appointment only, so call the center to schedule a time.

Merrimack Repertory Theater: The last play in our subscription series

with the Merrimack Repertory Theater will be *The Pavilion*. We have seats for the 2 p.m. matinee April 27. This is a story about a 20th class reunion set to take place in an old dance hall scheduled for demolition, and the surprises that the evening brings. Tickets purchased through the center are just \$17. Seating is limited.

Supper Club: Our April supper club will take us to Jimmy's II on Wednesday, April 30 at 5 p.m. Cost is \$16, which includes dinner and gratuity. Menu choices are available at the center. Newcomers, regulars, singles, and couples are welcome.

Movie Matinee: *About a Boy* will be our next movie matinee Monday, April 28 at 1 p.m. Based on the novel by Nick Hornby, this is a charming comedy stars Hugh Grant.

Fix-It Shop: The fix-it shop will be open again Tuesday, April 15 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Get those spring projects

out of the way, and bring down any small items in need of repair.

Men's Luncheon: Our men's group will hold their monthly gathering on Friday, April 25 beginning with a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. This month's speaker will be Boston meteorologist Harvey Leonard from WCVB-TV/Channel 5. Reservations are \$4, and may be made by calling the center until April 21.

Boston Pops Trip: The center will sponsor a trip to the Boston Pops on Sunday, May 18 for their matinee performance of *On Broadway*. Trip cost is \$55, which includes ticket and transportation. For reservation information, contact Bernadette at the center.

Elder Hostel Trip: The center will offer The City and the Theater, an elder hostel trip to Toronto, which will run June 15-20. Reservations must be made by the beginning of May. For more information about the travel package, call Pat Becker at the senior center.

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OBITUARIES

Katya G. Yerozolimsky

AHS grad was victim in Amherst house fire; calling hours are today

Katya G. Yerozolimsky, 21, of Andover, died Saturday, April 5 in a house fire in Amherst. Born in Moscow, Russia, she graduated from Andover High School and attended U Mass Amherst, where she was a junior studying anthropology.

Family members have said that she loved photography and swimming and enjoyed spending time with friends and family.

Members of her family include her parents, George and Yelena Yerozolimsky of Andover; a brother, Sergey Yerozolimsky of Andover; paternal grandfather, Boris Yerozolimsky of Andover; maternal grandparents, Vladimir and Galina Konobeyev of Moscow; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, April 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Funeral services will be tomorrow, Friday, April 11 at 10 a.m. at the Chapel at West Parish Garden Cemetery, Andover. Burial will be in West Grove Cemetery.

Dorothy Partridge Randig

Educator, administrator was active in civic affairs

Dorothy (Trott) Partridge Randig, 94, of North Andover and formerly of Andover, died Saturday, April 5 at Prescott Nursing Home.

She taught English and Latin at Pike School and Pynchard High School and East Junior High School, where she was a department head, assistant principal and principal from 1967 until her retirement in 1972. She coached girls basketball and field hockey at Pynchard and was a member of the PEO sisterhood.

Raised in Andover, she graduated from Pynchard High School and Boston University. She later studied at the Breadloaf School of English in Middlebury, Vt., Harvard University and Cambridge University in England.

Mrs. Randig served on the Andover School Committee for 12 years and was a staff writer for the New England School Development Council in Cambridge.

She was a board member of the League of Women Voters, the November Club and the Andover Garden Club.

She was also a founding member of the North Andover-Andover Parents' League, and served as director of both the Weekday School of Religious Studies and the Andover YMCA for over 20 years. She was a lifetime deaconess of South Church.

Members of her family include her second husband, Captain Wesley H. Randig of Andover; a daughter, Joy Partridge Crisman of Oakland, Calif.; a son, David Trott Partridge of Brookside, N.J.; a brother, James E. Trott of Ft. Benton, Mont.; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Gifts Committee at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover, 01810.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, April 17 at 11 a.m. at the South Church, Andover.

Arrangements are by the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Younghie Kim

Owned local tailor shop

Younghie (Kim) Kim, 76, of Andover, died Wednesday, April 2 at home.

She was a homemaker and a tailor. She owned and operated Handy Granny the Tailor Shop in Andover for many years.

Born and educated in Korea, Mrs. Kim came to this country 24 years ago. She has lived in Andover for the past 15 years and previously lived in Cambridge.

Members of her family include her husband, Wonyop Kim of Andover; a son, Hiejoon

Kim and his wife Youngkyung of Korea; daughters, Hyesoon Kim and her husband Manshik and Eunsoon Ha and her husband Sangyul, both of Andover; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Joseph L. Daly

Longtime resident owned medical supply and pharmaceutical distribution business

Joseph Leo Daly, 81, died in Osterville on Monday, April 7 after a long illness.

Mr. Daly was president and later chairman of the board, of James W. Daly Inc., a privately held medical supply and pharmaceutical distribution business based in Peabody.

Mr. Daly was born and raised in Lawrence, was active as an Eagle Scout, and graduated from Lawrence High School with distinction in 1939.

He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Boston University in 1943 and immediately went into the US Army, serving in World War II and later in the Massachusetts National Guard as a captain in the infantry.

Mr. Daly lived in Andover for more than 50 years until after his retirement, when he moved to Oyster Harbors in Osterville to pursue his passion for golf.

His family said, "During his tenure, innovations were developed and implemented to improve the efficiency and dependability of supply links to hospitals and pharmacies throughout New England, benefiting all who touched the health care system."

Mr. Daly and his brother and close business partner, William J. Daly, sold the company to Cardinal Health, a Fortune 500 company, in 1986.

Mr. Daly was active in advancing the wholesale pharmaceutical industry worldwide, his family said, and served as president of several trade associations, the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Wholesalers, the National Wholesale Druggist Association and the Boston Druggist Association.

He served as a trustee of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and was recognized in 1987 for his many years of service and leadership with the honorary degree of doctor of science in Pharmacy.

Throughout his life, he was committed to supporting organizations that provide opportunities for youth to lead more productive and healthful lives. He was extremely active in civic and charitable organizations in Eastern New England and, in particular, the Merrimack Valley serving as a director of the Bon Secours Hospital (now Holy Family), North Essex Council-Boy Scouts of America and Merrimack Valley United Way.

DEATHS

Gerard R. Bald, 76
John M. Barry, 68
Alan G. Chadwick, 86
Joseph Leo Daly, 81
Younghie Kim, 76
Grace J. Lattinville, 94
Martin J. Melia Jr., 39
William C. Morrow Jr., 69
Dorothy P. Randig, 94
Mary Riley, 96
Salvatore "Sully" Vacirca, 91
Eleanor "Tedda" Walker, 79
Katya G. Yerozolimsky, 21

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

BARRY - John M. (Jack) Barry, 68, of Vero Beach, Fla., died March 17 at Indian River Memorial Hospital. Members of his family include his sister, Maureen P. Barry of Andover.

LATTINVILLE - Grace J. Lattinville, 94, of Lawrence, died Sunday, April 6 at Mary Immaculate Nursing and Restorative Center. She was an office manager with Reichhold Chemicals in Andover for 23 years.

MORROW - William C. Morrow Jr., 69, a former member of the Haverhill City Council, died Friday, April 4 at Merrimack Valley Hospital in Haverhill. Members of his family include his brother, John D. Morrow of Andover.

VACIRCA - Salvatore Sebastiano "Sully" Vacirca, 91, of Woburn, died Monday, April 7 at Woburn Nursing Center in Woburn. Members of his family include his nephew, Frank Vacirca of Newburyport, who is superintendent and principal of the Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover.

include sons, Gary A. Chadwick and his wife Frances of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and Richard S. Chadwick and his wife Joan of Kailua, Hawaii; two brothers-in-law; two sisters-in-law; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

There were no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to South Church, 41 Central St., Andover, 01810.

Arrangements were by the Charles Dewhirst Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

Eleanor T. Walker

Nurse at Mass General

Eleanor Theresa "Tedda" (Whalen) Walker, 79, of Andover, died Friday, April 4 at home.

Born in Lawrence, she was a graduate of Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing. She was a member of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Study.

Mrs. Walker was a member of St. Augustine Church.

She was the widow of Harold Walker.

Members of her family include daughters, Denise W. Estell and her husband Ronald of Pelham, N.H., and Jo-Anne McLellan and her husband James D. of Burke, Va.; sons, Mark J. Walker of North Andover and David Walker of Andover; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Easter Seals, 484 Main St., sixth floor, Worcester, MA 01608.

Arrangements were by the Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Gerard R. Bald

Retired machinist

Gerard R. Bald, 76, of Andover, died Tuesday, April 1 at Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence.

He was a Class A machinist at Textron Defense Systems for over 30 years before retiring.

Born and educated in Biddeford, Maine, he moved to the

Greater Lawrence area in 1958. Mr. Bald served in the Navy during World War II on the USS *Floyd B. Parks*, with the rank of seaman first class.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Parish in Lawrence.

He was the widower of Jacqueline (Roy) Bald, to whom he was married for 35 years.

Members of his family include a son, Brian G. Bald of Andover; daughters, Carol Ann Manning of Berwick, Maine, Sandra and her husband Norman Grenier of Methuen and Cynthia Bald of Burlington; brothers, Armand Bald of Somersworth, N.H., and Philip Bald of Biddeford, Maine; sisters, Pauline Marcotte and Lorraine Ryan, both of Biddeford, Maine, Laurette Dumas of Kennebunk, Maine, Annette DesRoberts of Alfred, Maine; seven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Mary Riley

Former resident taught third grade

Mary (Carter) Riley, 96, a former resident of Andover, died Wednesday, April 2 at the Sutton Hill Nursing Home in North Andover.

She was a third grade teacher at Pleasant Valley Elementary School in Methuen before retiring.

Born and educated in Lawrence, she graduated from St. Mary's High School in Lawrence and received her teaching degree from Fitchburg Normal School in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Riley also lived in Alaska, Topsfield, Methuen, North Andover and Salem, N.H.

Members of her family include a daughter, Cathleen E. Riley of Chelmsford; sons, James C. Riley and his wife Jeanne of Maui, Hawaii, Philip J. Riley and his wife Janet of Middleton and Paul T. Riley of Methuen; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Peterson-O'Donnell Funeral Home, 167 Maple St., Danvers.

LATE DEATH

MELIA - Martin J. Melia Jr., 39, of Andover, died Monday, April 7. Arrangements will be announced by John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, North Andover.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

50 YEARS AGO

Continued from page 11

Junior High school for the purpose of providing the students with first hand information on a variety of occupations.

Two new appointments to the public school teaching staff were made at the regular meeting of the school committee Tuesday night.

25 Years Ago - 1978

Elimination of civil service status for the police chief posi-

tion, will be placed before the voters at the special town meeting set for 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 25.

Ten years ago his classmates voted Jay Leno "Class Comedian" with proper inscription and pictures in the yearbook. This year, Leno, a top nightclub performer and frequent television guest, will be the graduation speaker for commencement exercises scheduled for June 7 at the Eugene V. Lovely Field.

- Compiled by Townsman intern Kyra Auffermann

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Education

MODERN CLASSROOMS

Principals' goal is full inclusion

By Ben Hellman

THE ANDOVER CLASSROOM today isn't the type of classroom many adults may remember attending, say Andover principals.

Full inclusion means mixing children of varying talents and learning styles, and that's a significant reason why principals chose to preserve class sizes at the loss of other subjects.

Speaking for the town's principals, South Principal Eileen Woods gave an example of a modern classroom under full inclusion at a recent school-budget workshop.

A classroom of 26 students might include:

- 4 gifted students
- 4 challenged students on individual education plans
- 6 average students
- 4 students requiring reading support

- 2 students on behavioral management plans
- 3 students requiring an emotional adjustment counselor
- 3 students on 504 plans, which allow them untimed tests and study guides

This isn't an actual classroom, but Woods said it is a fair representation of an elementary classroom.

"Teachers work very diligently to meet those needs," said Woods. "It's why we didn't cut classroom teachers."

Despite the hard work elementary teachers must offer to teach every student, Woods said inclusion is valuable to the entire classroom. "Students who have learning differences have much, much to offer a classroom," she said.

Woods said even gifted students benefit from inclusion. A

teacher may ask an advanced student to help students having trouble.

"Inclusion is part of the world we live in," she said. Inclusion helps students learn to accept each other's differences, she added.

Woods said the learning differences within every classroom require "extraordinary reflection and planning" on the part of teachers.

Woods said modern medical advances are bringing more children to the classroom with varying needs.

Superintendent Claudia Bach has said the schools service children now who would not have lived to reach school age previously. Woods said this is evident in recent years.

"Looking back 10 years, that is something we've noticed," said Woods.



South School teacher Lydia Wise helps one of her fourth-grade students on Tuesday.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andover teachers are a 'highly qualified' success

First annual "No Child Left Behind" report cards sent to Andover homes this week

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	LICENSED TEACHERS	HIGHLY QUALIFIED
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Andover High	94 percent	96 percent
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Bancroft Elementary	97 percent	100 percent
High Plain Elementary	98 percent	100 percent
West Elementary	98 percent	97 percent
Sanborn Elementary	97 percent	100 percent
South Elementary	100 percent	100 percent
Shawsheen Elementary	97 percent	100 percent

By Ben Hellman

THE VAST MAJORITY OF Andover teachers are making the grade, with 97 percent of those teaching core courses such as English, math and science ranked as "highly qualified."

Complying with federal law, the Andover schools sent home the first annual "No Child Left Behind" report cards this week. All states and school districts receiving federal Title I education funding had to send home report cards with information about teacher qualifications and school academic performance by the year 2003.

Schools must report how

many teachers are licensed and are "highly qualified" or have taken a minimum of course work in the subject they teach.

Schools must also report student academic achievement, which Massachusetts school districts do with the MCAS test.

Across the district, 97 percent of Andover teachers are licensed and 97 percent of core academic teachers rank as "highly qualified."

Assistant Superintendent Marcia O'Neil said teachers who were not licensed were currently working on a waiver and in the process of becoming licensed. She said teachers

"It will be higher the next time we report - next year."

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who are "middle school generalists" made up one group of people who didn't all have the subject background required by the law.

The schools must reach 100 percent in both areas by school year 2005-06.

"It will be higher the next

time we report - next year," said O'Neil.

She said every day there are new names to add to the list of licensed teachers and there was, in fact, a backlog of teachers waiting for licenses to be processed at the Massachusetts Department of Education.

The school performance section was a reprinting of MCAS information.

All Andover schools and grade levels rated "high" or "very high" in math and English language arts.

President George W. Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act into law in January 2002.

WHAT'S UP

Marathon walk could save clubs, programs

By Sam Berger
and Liz Minton
Andover High School

It's official. On Saturday, June 7 from noon to midnight, Midnight Madness is going to blow your hair back. Round up five friends and sign up now, before it's too late.

This community event will raise money to save your favorite clubs at the high school and to fund your favorite Youth Services programs. Not only can you listen to music and eat food, you can stay up until midnight.

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A member of each team will walk the track at all times, while the "rest" of the members are enjoying the bands, foods, activities, and socializing with the other teams.

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Spots are limited to 80-100 teams so sign up quick before there's no room left. Help us raise money for AHS clubs and AYS programs.

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PA student musicians win competitions

Three Phillips Academy students recently have won prestigious musical competitions.

Erika Chow, a ninth-grader from Palo Alto, Calif., won first prize in her division at the Bartok-Kabalevsky-Prokofiev International Competition on April 5 at Rider University in Virginia. She also won a special prize, awarded by the university, for

outstanding musicianship. Competing with 25 pianists from many parts of the world, she played the *Sonata No. 3* by Prokofiev and the first movement of *Sonata No. 3* by Kabalevsky.

Arianna Warsaw-Fan, an 11th-grade student from Andover, won third prize in the Boston Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition in February, performing

the last movement of the *Violin Concerto* by Mendelssohn.

Luis Ortiz, a 10th-grader from Haverhill, won the New England Philharmonic Young Artist Competition in October, playing the first movement of *Piano Concerto No. 2* by Chopin. He was invited to play in a concert with the New England Philharmonic Orchestra in December.

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West Middle School has named the following students to the honor roll for the second term:

Grade 6

HIGH HONORS
Michael Bakies
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Brian Russell
Margot Ryan
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Tony Xia
Stephanie Xu

HONORS

Heather Brown
Danielle Burke
Michelle Calabro
Timothy Caron
Alexandra Centrella
Surjya Chakraborty
Sarah Christ
Vincent Christiano
Joseph Cloutier
Ryan Donahue
Caroline Dwyer
Anna Finbury
Barrett Flynn
Laura Ganci
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Daniel Gusovsky
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John Hall
Michael Hamilton
Brendan Hudak
Sabrina Hunzelman
Olivia Joyce
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Catherine Loosigian
Caroline Lyle
Adam Marget
Gianni Miceli
Rebecca Morse
Amanda Ng
Katherine O'Connell
Clayton Ross
Melanie Saryan
Craig Schwarz
Gregory Scott
Katherine Shields
Jeffrey Siros
Nicholas Stapczynski
Jeffrey Therkelsen
Kathryn Uggerholt
Gregory Velleca

Grade 7

HIGH HONORS
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Allison Alwan
Erica Bakies
Hans Bardenheuer
Katelyn Caro
John Caveney
Vicki Chang
Ilana Cohen
Deana D'Ambrosio
Kaitlin Debelen
Allison DiSalvo
Paul Dimitruk
Evan Doucett
Kevin Drew
Kelly Driscoll
Christopher Esch
Veda Eswarappa
Matthew Fisch

Dennis Fleming
Caroline Gaffney
Sarah Gordon
Katelyn Greeley
Hannah Hastings
Hallie Hauer
Margaret Hughes
Samuel Hutchins
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Rebecca Khandalovsky
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Kathleen Li
Athena Lynch
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Rachael Westgate
Rachel Wise
Oliver Yang

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Padikuor Akufu
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Gregory Arcidy
Jacob Arnold
Emily Benham
Christian Bishop
David Boudreau
Lauren Brouillard
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Zachary Burdeau

Ian Campbell
Katia Chapman
Clara Chekanov
Hanyin Cheng
Samuel Clark
Corey Colbert
Francis Conway
Samuel Cook
James Crockett
Elizabeth Ditoia
Matthew Doherty
Jessie Eichman
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Tracy Sears
Michael Sequeira
Georgiana Shoemaker
Michael Tripp
Allison Umlah
Sydney Venuti
Ryan Walsh
Zheyang Wang
Kristina Yu
Zachary Zimmerman

Grade 8

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Jennifer Berger
Derek Bird
Cassandra Britton
Alexandra Burdeau
Hilda Buss
Kevin Calabro
Allison Callery
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Connie Cheng
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GEARING UP



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Brendan Wang and Roger Brady, both in Caroline Redmond's fourth-grade class at Sanborn School, are participating in the "Circuits" workshop given by Techsploations. The science enrichment program was presented to fourth- and fifth-grade students who spent an hour in an energized, interactive, and entertaining atmosphere learning first-hand about electricity and simple machines.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, April 14-18:

Elementary schools

Monday: Roast turkey dinner, pizza stick with soft pretzel, waffles with sliced ham, mashed potato, blueberries and milk. Lucky tray day.

Tuesday: Meatball sub, bakery pizza, baked chicken nuggets, carrots, pears and milk.

Wednesday: Rib-b-que dippers, pizza ring with marinara sauce, cheeseburger on a roll, potato puffs, fruit, milk and jello for dessert.

Thursday: Roast pork dinner, french toast with sausage, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, corn, strawberries and milk.

Friday: Spring recess begins.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Roast turkey dinner, mozzarella sticks, bakery pizza, mashed potato, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Meatball sub, baked chicken nuggets, cheeseburger with chips, carrots, pears and milk.

Wednesday: Rib-b-que dippers, chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, corn, strawberries,

milk and jello.

Thursday: Roast pork dinner, baked chicken nuggets, two hot dogs with chips, mashed potato, fruit and milk.

Friday: Spring recess begins.

Secondary schools

Monday: Roast turkey dinner, bakery pizza, macaroni and meatballs, mashed potato, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Hot pastrami sandwich on a roll, stuffed crust pizza, rotini with meat sauce, carrots, pears and milk.

Wednesday: Beef-and-cheese sub with chips, bakery pizza, spaghetti ilio olio, corn, strawberries, milk and jello.

Thursday: Roast pork dinner, stuffed crust pizza, 6-inch meatball sub with chips, mashed potato, fruit and milk.

Friday: Spring recess begins.

Menus subject to change. Lunch prices are Elementary student \$1.50; adult \$2.25. Secondary student \$1.75 or \$2.50; adult \$2.50 or \$3.25.

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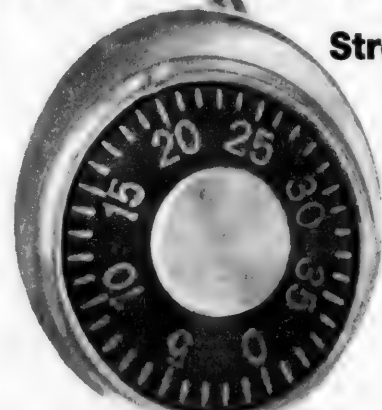
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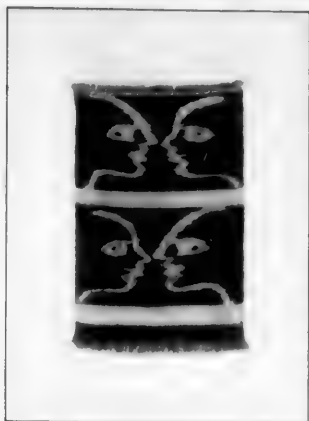
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EVENTS CALENDAR



◀ Ed Rossbach, *Kasuri Heads III*, 1966 (detail). Weft ikat cotton mounted on linen, 17 x 14, courtesy of Mobilia Gallery.

Fiber Art Weekend will take place at Lowell's American Textile History Museum, Friday, April 11 through Sunday, April 13. To mark the opening of "Generations/Transformations: American Fiber Art," a group of internationally recognized figures in fiber art offer fiber-art enthusiasts an up-close

and personal look at the medium's, past, present and future. There will be an art dialogue, workshops and a two-day symposium featuring 12 of the artists whose works are showcased in the museum's new exhibit. Register online at www.athm.org, or call 978-441-0400, Ext. 244.

Thursday, April 10

Auditions, Merrimack Junior Theater, current 10th- through 12th-graders, strong singers, prepare one song and a one-minute monologue, also sought are one soprano boy and one girl ages 10-13 prepare song *Round Shouldered Man* or *The Girl I Mean to Be*, 6-9 p.m., West Middle School auditorium; 978-475-3422.

Theater, *Once Upon a Mattress* presented by the Merrimack College On-Stagers, \$8-\$12, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; Rogers Center Box Office 978-837-5355.

Live music, the Kennedys, \$10-\$12, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Dance, *Taps to Broadway*, 12 women ages 60-80 comprise the dance team, \$1, 2 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill Campus, 2nd floor, Ourania Behrakis Student Center, Life Long Learning office 978-556-3688 Ext. 3825.

Meeting, Homebased Businesswomen's Network Inc., a round-table discussion on *Problem Solving* \$10, 7:00 p.m., Village Green Restaurant, Route 1-North, Newbury Street, Danvers; Cheryl Perkins, 603-475-3503, www.h-b-n.org.

Friday, April 11

Storytelling, and drumming with Andover's Jane Gossard, free, 7:30 p.m., ages 8 to adult, Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St; 978-475-0143.

Networking, Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Women's Business Network with the Government Affairs Committee continue the "Women in Government Series," invited guests include Kerry Healey, lieutenant governor; Sue Tucker, state senator; Barbara L'Italian, state representative, and others, \$18, \$25 non-members, noon-1:30 p.m., full lunch included, Andover Inn, Chapel Avenue; 978-686-0900.

Meeting, Shawheen Village Woman's Club annual Scholarship Card Party and Luncheon, \$20 donation, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., United Methodist Church, North Andover, for reservations call Betty Keefe 978-475-0339.

Spring craft sale, the Andover Senior Center will hold a spring craft, plant and bake sale, spring baskets, Easter lilies and plants, seasonal decorations and baked goods available, Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

Workshop, American Textile History Museum presents *Fiber Art Weekend*, to open the *Genera-*

tions/Transformations: American Fiber Art exhibit, artistic dialogue, workshops and a two-day symposium with 12 artists; register online at www.athm.org or call 978-441-0400.

Live comedy, Steve Bjork, Stephanie Peters, EJ Murphy, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy, Chance Langton, \$12, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Jokemavens Comedy Club, Guest House Inn and Suites, 159 Pelham St., Methuen; 866-404-JOKE, www.jokemavens.com.

Benefit dance, Community of Hope benefit for MS, \$10 donation, dinner, dancing, music and raffles, 7-11 p.m., The Knights of Columbus Hall, Tewksbury; 978-851-5647.

Live music, Susan Werner, \$18-\$20, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music, Kristen Miller, \$8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Once Upon a Mattress, see April 10 entry.

Saturday, April 12

Spelling Bee, Andover Fund for Education presents the sixth annual Andover Spelling Bee, 7 p.m., Doherty Middle School Auditorium; 978-475-5041.

Seminar, porcelain artist and teacher Evanice Cirelli will conduct a two-day seminar on hand-painted porcelain. Cirelli will demonstrate the art of hand-painting, attendees will create their own vase, have it fired and take it home, \$10, 9 a.m.-noon, class size is limited, paint and materials provided, sign up at the Circulation Desk, Memorial Hall Library; 978-623-8401.

Egg hunt, Department of Community Services is having an Egg Hunt in the Park, games, face painting and more, ages 2-10, \$7 per child, no pre-registration required, 10 a.m.-noon; 978-623-8274.

Story hour, Quota International of Andover, as part of its Quota Cares Spring Project, will hold a Story Hour, stories will be read by a speech pathologist and Quota member and there will be a sign language interpreter, ages 5-11, 1:30-3 p.m.; 978-475-0328.

Live music, Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer, \$10-\$12, 8 p.m., Ivy Chord Coffee House, Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., Reading; 781-944-0494 or 781-229-9394, www.uureading.org.

Rug-hooking bee, the Mayflower

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From ballplayer to party-thrower

By Andrea Gregory

IF ANYONE IN TOWN reminisces about Andover football days from the 1970s, they probably remember winning touchdowns and victory parties at the old address of John Fabiani.

"That's when the Andover High football was the best in the state," says Fabiani, former player and party-thrower.

His parties used to take place in the basement of his parents' house, and he remembers crowds of kids drinking keg beer and having a good time. Though Fabiani didn't turn out to be a professional ballplayer, he realized he had a knack for throwing parties — and now does it professionally through his company, Young Professionals of New England (Y-PRO).

Y-PRO began 1991. According to Fabiani, it is an organization with 3,000 members who like to party, socialize or are possibly looking for that special someone. It's free to become a member and Y-PRO parties are specifically for members and their guests. The average member age is 30, but he says he's seen people from 24 to 50 at some of these events.

Fabiani's bashes are held at trendy, upscale, nightlife spots in Boston and Newport, R.I., such as Pravda, Felt and Trio. He throws about a dozen parties a year, giving them catchy names like the "Sinuous Spring Soiree" happening this Saturday at The Living Room on Atlantic

Avenue in Boston.

"It's going to be a very sensuous feeling when you come in," he says.

Tickets for the event start at \$65 for open bar cocktails and appetizers. For \$135, a sit-down dinner is included.



John Fabiani throws parties to the limit.

These are parties for adults, he says, and compares them to a grown-up prom.

"The majority of people are unattached," he says, but some people in relationships come together and are just after a good time.

For those that are spouse-hunting, Fabiani says he knows of an Andover couple who met at one of his Y-PRO events. They are now married and still living in town.

Stressing it's not a dating service he runs, he says it is possible to find true love at one of his events and many people do go there looking to meet a potential partner or at least a date for the following weekend.

"I think any time someone goes to a party the potential to meet someone is in their mind," he says. "I have met women I have dated from these parties."

A live band, dancing and/or a DJ along with at least two hours of open bar and sometimes the whole evening sounds like a party to a lot of people. Fabiani says his parties usually reach the capacity limits of the establishments they're held in, but it's not always all play going on.

"There's an awful lot of networking that takes place at my events," he says, adding it's not uncommon to see business cards being swapped.

Fabiani runs Y-PRO solo and attends every party. He is hoping to expand it and eventually start throwing parties in other cities. For more information on tickets and membership visit www.ypro.com, or call 617-983-2232.

Phillips Academy writer wins 2003 Pen/Faulkner Award

The Caprices by Sabina Murray, Phillips Academy writer-in-residence, has won the 2003 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, America's largest peer-juried prize for fiction.

Past winners of this award include E.L. Doctorow, E. Annie Proulx, Michael Cunningham, Ha Jin and Philip Roth. The announcement of Murray's award was made Tuesday, April 8, by the direc-

tors of the PEN/Faulkner Foundation.

The Caprices (Mariner Books, Houghton Mifflin Co.) is a collection of stories set against the backdrop of the Pacific Campaign of World War II. Murray recalls her family stories of the Japanese occupation of the Philippines and writes a history told through individual lives in stories that follow the reach of the United States into the heart of Asia and

the pieces of war brought back through memory.

Murray, who has worked as a screenwriter, is the author of the novel *Slow Burn*.

The judges considered more than 350 novels and short story collections published in the US during the 2002 calendar year from more than 90 publishing houses. As the winner, Murray will receive \$15,000 and will be honored during the 23rd Annual PEN/Faulkner Award cere-



Sabina Murray

mony May 17 at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C.

Colorsound expresses 130 'sung colors'

Performance, gallery talk on installation of color and music this Saturday

Artist Jim Hodges and students from Phillips Academy and Lawrence High School will perform *colorsound* this Saturday at the Addison Gallery of American Art, on the campus of Phillips Academy.

As this spring's Edward E. Elson artist-in-residence, Hodges has worked with more than 100 students from Lawrence High School and Phillips Academy to create an installation combining 130 assigned colors and music.

The exhibition *Jim Hodges: colorsound* opens Saturday, April

12 and will be accompanied by a live performance at 5 p.m.

In his work with students, the artist assigned each a color and note and asked them to "sing" that color. Hodges then wove the recorded individual notes into a musical composition. In the next step, students were asked to create some sort of visual expression of the color they gave voice to for a live performance. Student response may range from simply wearing a "red" T-shirt, to interpretive dance expressing "yellow," to wrapping oneself in "silver" foil... anything goes,

Hodges says.

To complement the sound installation, Hodges has created a site-specific wall mural that serves as the score for the musical piece. Made up of vertical stripes representing the 130 assigned colors, the mural leads visitors down the museum's main corridor and into a gallery where they can experience and participate in the concert of sound and color created by the artists and his collaborators.

The exhibition will also include a selection of works that represent Hodges' recent

experiments with music.

Best known for his transformations of simple materials such as napkins, mirrors, chains, light bulbs, and silk flowers into objects and installations of delicate and dazzling beauty, the Addison installation marks the artist's first collaborative piece that uses music as a medium, organizers said.

There will be an opening reception Friday, April 25, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 978-749-4015, or check out www.addisongallery.org.

Andover Cultural Council maintains funding despite cuts

With funding for the arts drying up all over the state, the Andover Cultural Council proved to be something of an anomaly. Thanks to careful stewardship of uncollected funds and control of operating expenses the local council of the Massachusetts Cultural Council was able to award arts groups a total of \$5,225 despite having its budget slashed from \$9,000 to \$3,000.

Each year local arts groups submit two-page applications for funding of programs that demonstrate a connection with Andover. Applicants receive their funding as a reimbursement after completion of their projects. Some awardees don't

complete their projects or neglect to submit their paperwork.

The leftover funds remain in a town account. This year the growing surplus more than compensated for the record cut in the funding from the state.

Awards totaling \$5,225 began going out at the start of the year to groups ranging from elementary school field trips to a performance of Brahms' *German Requiem*.

While the total amount may not raise eyebrows, funds awarded by a local Cultural Council add credibility to an organization and make it easier to raise money from other sources. Groups such as the

Andover Chamber Music Series and Treble Chorus of New England display the cultural council logo on marketing materials.

Furthermore this de-facto "rainy day fund" will ensure that funding from the Andover Cultural Council will continue.

Approximately half of the awards went to local classical music groups. The Merrimack Valley Philharmonic, Andover Chamber Music Series, the Treble Chorus of New England, the North Shore Youth Symphony, New England Classical Singers and the Andover Choral Society all received \$400 grants. One of the more unusual projects the ACC funded is the summer per-

formance of Shakespeare in the Skate Park, a contemporary version of a Shakespeare play performed by Andover Youth Services in the skate park behind the high school. The largest amount (\$800) went to the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative for publication of *AppleSauce Literary Magazine*, an arts periodical that prints young people's contribution in the literary and visual arts and is distributed free throughout the Merrimack Valley.

The remaining awards went to school-related activities. Memorial Hall Library and West Elementary School will bring authors and storytellers into their premises. South Elementary School will receive funds for a trip to Drumlin Farm, and Children's Studio for the Arts will use its allocation to take 60 children to the DeCordova Museum.



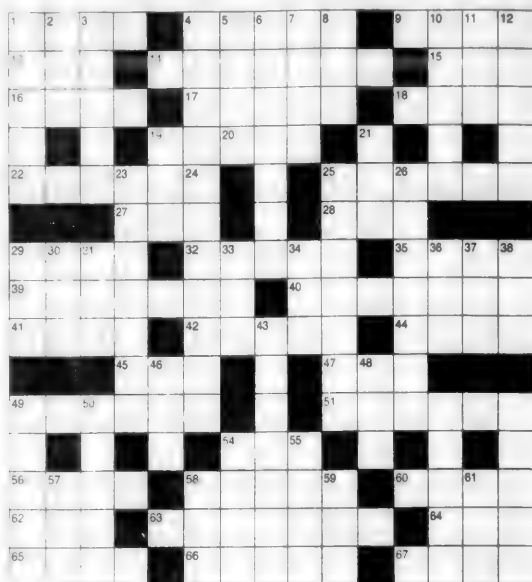
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St. Augustine School's spring play, written by faculty member Patrice Hemon, was performed last weekend at West Middle School. *A Bird's Eye View* featured music and lyrics by Donald Gaudreau, Lucille Carberry and Patricia Hemon. Shown from left, Alex Eckles (cool cat), Chessie Leone (peacock), Devon White (wise pigeon), Courtney Naughton (top cat) and Michael Carroll (new red). More than 90 students took part in the production, which was sold out for both performances.

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14. Male ballet performer
15. Wrath
16. Radioactivity units
17. Snicker
18. Musical interval
20. Arab market
22. A way to become lost
25. Sloth
27. British thermal unit
28. A very large body of water
29. Turn away
32. Clamors
35. Give advice, explain
39. Guns
40. Waterproof fabric
41. Chinese Moslem
42. Islands
44. Pay attention to
45. Sink fixture
47. Overly
49. Prototypes
51. Mythological Titan
54. Nurse-patient relationship
56. Swiss river
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2. A nucleic acid

SOLUTION ON PAGE 19

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Chapter of the Association of Traditional Rug Hooking Artists meeting, 10 a.m., Reading Municipal Light Co., Ash Street, Reading; 978-664-2034.

Live music, Coyote Run, \$12, doors open 7:15 p.m., show 8 p.m., Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; 978-687-3960, or call 978-687-7948 on concert night after 5:30 p.m.

Live music, Tom Driscoll, no cover, 9 p.m., Higher Ground Coffee House, 194 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-4007.

Live music, Greg Greenway, \$10-\$12, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music, Ed Jardi, \$8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; tickets: 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Live comedy, Steve Bjork, Stephanie Peters, EJ Murphy, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy, Chance Langton, \$12, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., R-rated hypnotist Joey Devito every Sat. 10:30 p.m., Jokemavens Comedy Club, Guest House Inn and Suites, 159 Pelham St., Methuen; 866-404-JOKE, www.jokemaven.com.

Opening, American Textile History

Museum Generations/Transformations; American Fiber Art exhibit, \$6, \$4 seniors and students, members free, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dutton St., Lowell; 978-441-0400, www.athm.org.

Spring clean-up, Boxford Trails Association Equestrian Committee will sponsor a spring clean-up of the trails at Lockwood Forest with a barbecue lunch to follow, meet between 9:30 and 10 a.m. on Lockwood Lane near the bridge, bring clippers and rakes if possible, RSVP to Judy Corsetti 978-352-3138.

Once Upon a Mattress, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., see April 10 entry.

Workshop, see April 11 entry.

Sunday, April 13

Walk, Andover Department of Community Services and AVIS nature walk at Rocky Hill Reservation, free, 1:30-3 p.m., park at Gould Road and Route 125; 978-623-8279.

Live music, jazz trio featuring David Clark and a youth jazz duo, Matt Villanueva on key-



David Clark

boards and James Krendel-Clark on saxophone, both are students at Doherty Middle School and members of the jazz group Juke-

Box 4, free, 2:30 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; 978-688-9505.

Open house, Congregation Tifereth Israel, learn about Andover's conservative congregation, includes brunch, meet the congregants, free (donation to defray costs appreciated), 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. RSVP to Jamie 978-794-2004.

Opening reception, for juried art show, free, 1:30 p.m., Lawrence Heritage Visitors Center Gallery, Lawrence; Debra Grubbs 603-893-8909.

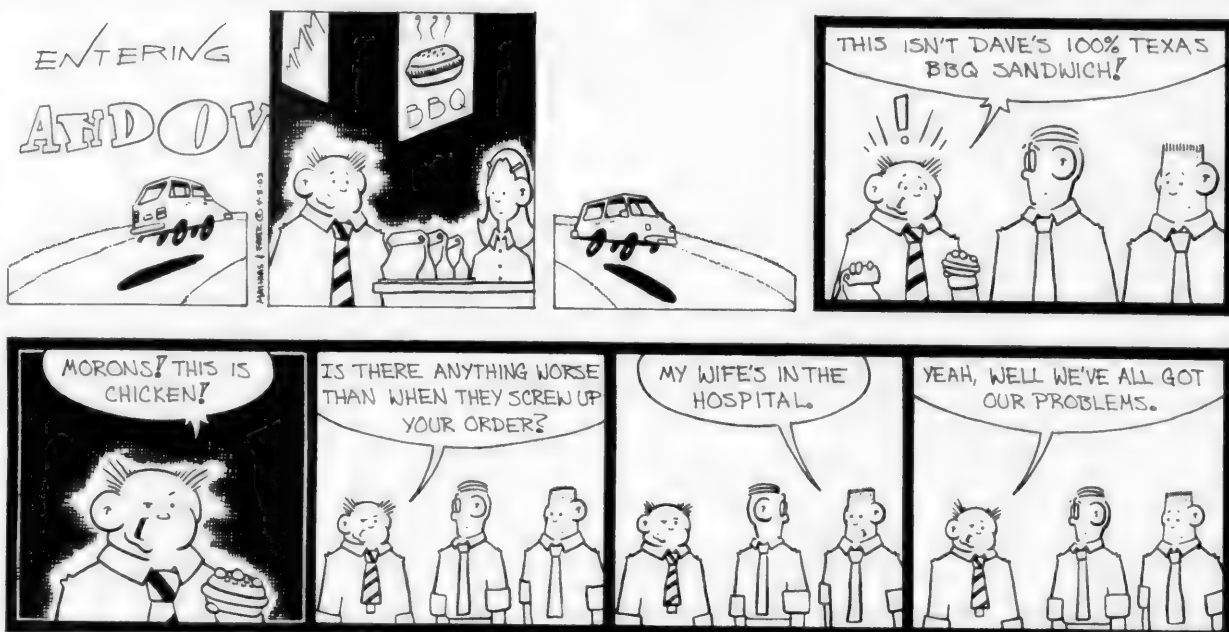
Live music, Peace Concert, sponsored by Merrimack Valley People for Peace and the North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church; Kristina Olsen, member of Families For Peaceful Tomorrows, will be featured with Vietnam veteran Pat Scanlon and folksingers Jim and Maggie Dalton, 7-9 p.m., North Parish of North Andover Unitarian Universalist Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; 978-687-3960.

Live music, Spring Concert to benefit Neighbors in Need, performance by St. John the Evangelist Church Choir from North Chelmsford, organist James Stewart, \$10, 3

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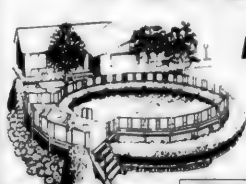
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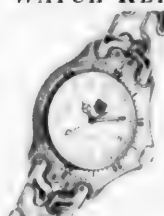
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Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, displays ethnographic objects from the museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.: 978-749-4490.

Essex Art Center, In Celebration of Women's History Month, paintings by: Lynn VanNatta, Judi Milano and Adrienne Araujo, Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence: 978-685-2343.

McCoy Gallery, Merrimack College: for hours: 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Brush Art Gallery, *Emerging Voices/Healing Souls*, gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell: 978-459-7819.

Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, Main Gallery through June 13, *Spirit of the Community: Photographs of Charles "Teenie" Harris*, Tuesday-Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., \$5 admission, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester: 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

Revolving Museum, *Wonders of the World (WOW) 4: Play-Land* through July 27, artist-driven museum, dedicated to presenting public art, exhibitions, educational programs, gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell: 978-452-7641.

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Needlepoint, hand-painted porcelain classes at Memorial Hall Library

International porcelain artist and teacher Evanice Cirelli will conduct a seminar on hand-painted porcelain Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon and Sunday, April 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library.

Discover the fascinating process of creating a hand-painted porcelain vase.

Cirelli will demonstrate the art of hand-painting and attendees will create their own vase, have it fired and take home their new art creation.

Class size is limited; cost is \$10 per student. Paint and materials are provided. Sign up at the Circulation Desk at the library.

The American Needlepoint Guild will have a display on the walls and in the cases at the library for the month of April.

On Wednesday, April 16, at 9:30 a.m., Susan Reed will give a lecture showing how innovative and creative the world of needlepoint has become, with the use of different stitches, different fibers, and even different techniques that are used to enhance a design. Examples of the above will be on display.

There will also be time for questions and answers. Gone are the days when needlepoint consisted of Basketweave or Continental stitches worked entirely in wool.

Reed, who has a bachelor of science degree in education and a teacher certification from the Elsa Williams School of Needleart, received her senior master level in the master teacher program of the American Needlepoint Guild. She is an active teacher on the local, regional, and national levels for various guilds and needlework shops. She has also taught at the Callaway Gardens School of Needlearts and at the Assembly for Embroiderers sponsored by the National Academy of Needlearts held at the Homestead and at the Greenbrier resorts.

In addition to teaching around the country, Reed also teaches five classes a week at a local shop.

unique digital prints by Boston artists Joanne Kaliontzis and Linda Leslie Brown, through April 20. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly: 978-232-2250.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and First floor lounges, call for hours: 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

McQuade Gallery, at Merrimack College (located in the McQuade Library), gallery hours Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; closed weekends in January: 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday,

noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly: 978-921-4242.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room: Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 978-623-8321.

Memorial Hall Library, Artist of the Month series features Fran Nola, watercolors, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading: 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

Archaeology meeting Tuesday

The Northeast Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society and the R.S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology will cosponsor a program Tuesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Peabody Museum, corner of Main and Phillips streets.

Donald Slater, currently the assistant collections manager at the Peabody Museum, will offer a digital PowerPoint presentation to explore the "Astronomy of the Ancient Maya." Slater will begin with a brief history of the Maya and will show slides from his excavations and trips to Belize, Guatemala, and Mexico.

He will delve into the astronomy of the Maya and how they correlated their architecture with the heavens, their calendar, and some figures they observed.

The Northeast Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeology Society meets the third Tuesday of the month, September through June. Membership is open to all those who are interested in furthering their study of archaeology and prehistoric and historic cultural history. The lecture is free and open to the public.

For additional information, call the Peabody Museum at 978-749-4490; or visit andover.edu/rspeabody.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester, 978-463-8883.

Cape Ann Historical Museum, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester: 978-283-0455.

The Saltbox Gallery, cooperative of 21 artists from the North Shore, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 49 Main St., Topsfield: 978-887-3844.

Churchill Gallery, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:30-5:30 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport, 978-462-9891.

Mingo Gallery, local artists Andrew Anderson-Bell and Susan Kauder, through May 2, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly: 978-927-5964.

Nevins Memorial Hall, 305 Broadway, Methuen: 978-686-4080.

Arlington Center for the Arts, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 41 Foster St., Arlington.

Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 136 State St., Portsmouth, N.H.: 603-431-4230.

Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

Bravos Arts Gallery, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., One East Main St., Georgetown: 978-352-8102.

Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 172 Middle St., Lowell: 978-970-3556 info@ayerlofts.com.

River Gallery, Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 4 Market St., Ipswich: 978-356-1559.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, *The Art of the Theater*, through June 14, Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover: 978-725-6232.

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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

An unpredictable early season so far

Andover High lacrosse and tennis teams battle the weather as well as their opponents

By Rick Harrison

Nasty spring weather, in the form of a snow, sleet and rain mixture, coupled with unseasonable cold, combined to postpone several Andover High athletic events and delay the start of the baseball and softball seasons.

The boys volleyball team was able to kick off its indoor campaign with a 2-0 sweep of host Lowell, and a subsequent 2-1 triumph over Methuen Tuesday evening at the Dunn Gym marked the milestone 200th of coach George Sullivan's career.

The lacrosse and tennis teams also managed to work around the unpredictable storms.

The baseball team attended the Wakefield Invitational Tournament banquet, but two semifinal round games scheduled two days later had to be postponed. No new dates have yet been announced for the tourney which includes Andover, Beverly, Saugus and host Wakefield.

No new date has been announced for the non-league softball game between Merrimack Valley Conference rivals Andover and Tewksbury.

BOYS TENNIS

The Andover High boys tennis team beat the snow earlier this week, but didn't beat Reading as the defending Middlesex League co-champ edged the Golden Warriors, 3-2, in a non-league match.

AHS earned its points at second singles and first doubles, with the latter match the most exciting of the day.

The No. 1 Andover tandem of junior veterans Avi Lasser and Brian Axelrod lost the first set of the two-hour marathon, 4-6, before rallying for a pair of 6-3 victories to pull out the comeback triumph over Rocket opponents Bill Thomas and Dave Milsic.

"Avi and Brian settled down after the first set and battled back nicely," said Andover coach Mike Wartman. "There were a lot of well-played points in the final two sets. It was a good way for them to open the season."

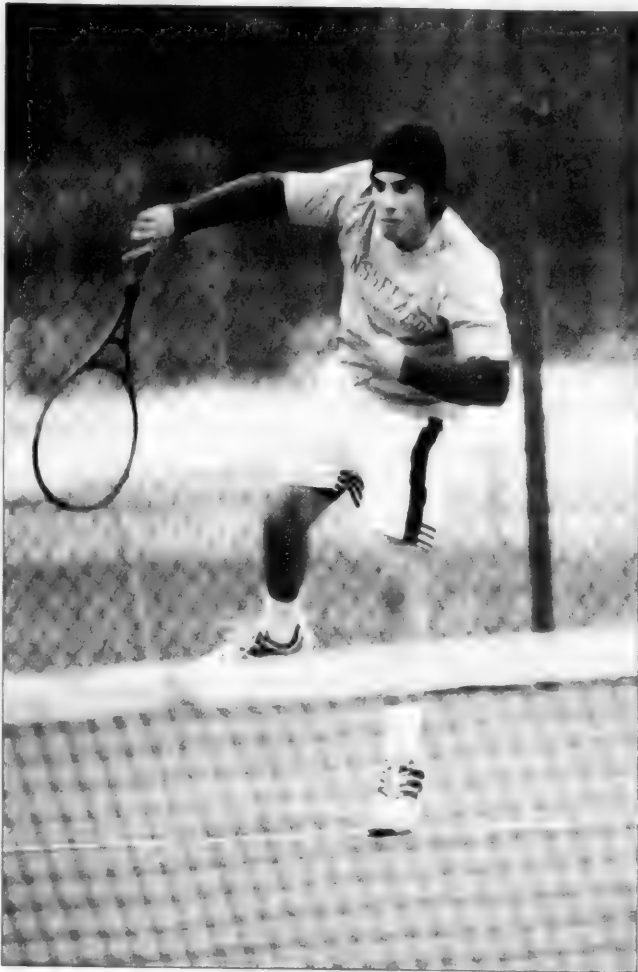
Converted baseball player Jason Edelstein made an impressive varsity debut with a 6-4, 6-2 triumph over Reading's Ian Salter.

First singles Alex Cline, third singles Dave Nill and the second doubles pairing of junior Dan Jordan and sophomore Mike Zakin (varsity debut) battled hard before dropping straight-set matches.

Schedule

Andover had a makeup of a snowed-out match with Lawrence scheduled for yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime.

The locals host Methuen tomorrow and play Central Catholic at the Merrimack College courts next Monday (all 3:30 p.m.).



Jason Edelstein (left) and Alex Cline show their determination Monday on the tennis court. Edelstein won his varsity debut match 6-4, 6-2; while Cline battled hard but was among those defeated in straight sets.



BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The boys volleyball squad opened by winning two of its first three Merrimack Valley Conference matches, with a 2-1 loss to Lawrence sandwiched around the wins over Lowell and Methuen.

Coach George Sullivan's overall record was 200-94 after the Methuen victory.

Schedule

Andover hosted Chelmsford (1-0) last night at the Dunn Gym, and the locals return to the court tomorrow afternoon at Westford Academy (4 p.m.).

Andover 2 Lowell 0

The Golden Warriors were in control throughout both games on the way to the 30-24, 30-22 sweep of the host Red Raiders.

Top hitters were Cameron Day (10-for-11), Capt. Steve Johnson (5-for-6, two kills), Andy Ahern (4-for-6), Steve Gerstein (3-for-3), Jake Kleinman (2-

for-3, two kills) and David Hsu (2-for-2).

Leading servers were Sean Cummings (16-for-17), Hsu (12-for-13, two aces), Day (12-for-14, two aces), Johnson (5-for-6, two aces), Kleinman (4-for-4) and setter Tim An (3-for-3).

Defensive standouts were Capt. Shawn Furey and Cummings.

"We were aggressive and the attack was very well-balanced," said AHS coach George Sullivan. "Cummings did an outstanding job serving, especially in the second game. The ball was just clearing the net and dropping with deadly accuracy."

Gerstein returned a little earlier than expected after a bout with mononucleosis.

The AHS junior varsity won the prelim, 2-0, by game scores of 30-21 and 30-15. Leading the way were Chris James, Pardeep Thandi (both passing and defense) and Adam Spang (hitting).

Lawrence 2 Andover 1

In a match of typical ebbs and

flows, the Golden Warriors won the first game, 30-28, before losing the next two, 30-20 and 30-28.

The third game had numerous ties and lead changes, before reigning MVC 1 co-champ Lawrence took the lead for good by breaking a 25-25 deadlock.

"In the first game we moved the ball, hit well and played strong defense," said coach Sullivan. "Then we just fell asleep in the second game. We suddenly went flat. It was disheartening."

"I thought it might have been a wakeup call, but the loss of confidence, precision and aggressiveness carried over to parts of the third game."

"Lawrence played with a lot of emotion, like it always does, and it helped carry them to the win," said Sullivan. "We did a lot of subbing but never really got into a groove."

Sullivan was especially pleased with the play of Cameron Day, who finished 10-for-10 serving and 8-for-14 hitting.

"Cam played his heart out," said the coach. "He couldn't have done any more."

Steve Johnson was the top hitter 17-for-24 overall. Day finished 5-for-10. Steve Gerstein, 4-for-6, and Jake Kleinman, 4-for-6.

Top servers and setters Day were Kleinman (15-for-15), Hsu (10-for-12), Johnson (9-for-9, one ace), Tim An and Shawn Furey (both 8-for-8). Sean Cummings (6-for-7) and Gerstein (5-for-6).

The AHS junior varsity won the prelim, 2-0, with game scores of 30-27, 25-30, 30-25.

Playing well for the locals were setters Darren McRoy and Daniel Jun, Sam Silverman (defense), Matt Jacobs (defense) and freshman middle hitters Jerry Mohan and Nick Assad.

Andover 2 Methuen 1

Steve Johnson had a big night at the Dunn Gym, 22-for-24 hitting with 13 kills as coach Sullivan registered win No. 200.

"Steve's shoulder was a little tender, but he didn't let it affect his play," said the AHS coach.

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AHS ROUNDUP

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

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Cameron Day and David Hsu also contributed huge nights in the 30-17, 23-30, 30-21 Golden Warriors' win.

Day was a perfect 17-for-17 serving and went 15-for-18 hitting with eight kills, while Hsu was 15-for-16 serving and 7-for-11 hitting with one ace and three kills.

"Hsu, Shawn Furey and Sean Cummings all played excellent defense," said Sullivan. "We changed the lineup around after the loss to Lawrence. Both Tim An and Hsu were setters and we ran a 6-2 alignment instead of a 5-1. It settled things down."

"Furey is our top defensive player and we worked him at the new libero (designated defender) position. He was all over the court making plays. It enabled us to use him in the back row for six rotations instead of three," explained Sullivan.

Also hitting well for AHS were Andy Ahern (9-for-14, one kill), Jake Kleinman (7-for-14, two kills) and Steve Gerstein (6-for-8, one kill).

Andover was 77-for-87 serving as a team (90 percent), and other leading servers were Tim An (15-for-16), Kleinman (9-for-11), Ahern (7-for-8), Cummings (6-for-8) and Matt Monteiro.

"We played very well the first and third games, and once again had a letdown in game two," said Sullivan. "That's something we have to work at eliminating."

Coach Dennis Aikman's Andover JVs remained undefeated (3-0) with a 2-0 sweep in the prelim, rolling 30-20 and 30-17.

Top players included Chris James (5-for-7 hitting, 5-for-5 serving, one ace, one kill), Sam

Silverman (defense, 5-for-5 serving, 3 aces), Darren McRoy (defense, 6-for-8 hitting, 3 kills), Jerry Mohan (6-for-6 hitting, two kills) and Nick Assad (6-for-7 hitting, one kill).

Also playing well were Adam Spang (6-for-6 serving), Daniel Jun (3-for-4 serving, two aces), Matt Jacobs (hitting), Alex Day (hitting) and Pardeep Thandi (defense, serving).

GIRLS LACROSSE

The Andover High girls varsity lacrosse team had no problem with fledgling Salem (Mass.), improving to 2-0 with a lopsided 14-0 romp over the visiting Witches in the game at Doherty Middle School.

Demorie Crawford produced a hat trick while Maggie Lamond, Jeanne Lothrop, Diana Crawford and Meghan Toland netted two goals each to power the prolific locals.

Rounding out the attack for AHS, which raced to a commanding 10-0 halftime lead, were Adrienne Shea, Capt. Amanda Gallant and Kate Nichols with one goal apiece.

Capt. Jennie Williams and Lauren Barber combined for five saves and the rare shutout, as the winners held a huge 28-5 shooting edge.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors are slated to host Masconomet Regional of Topsfield this afternoon at Doherty Middle (3:45 p.m.), and next Monday Arlington High comes to town (3:45) before the locals hit a stretch of four straight road games at Billerica, Shrewsbury, Duxbury and Algonquin Regional of Northboro.

The latter two are morning games during the upcoming

spring vacation week.

BASEBALL

Peter Aumais Field will be dressed up this spring as the new Pepsi scoreboard and foul poles have arrived.

The scoreboard, which has "Peter Aumais Field" in white lettering across the top, will be

located down the left field line.

AHS head coach Ken Maglio also announced varsity players will wear No. 3 on their left sleeve in memory of Aumais, a former catcher on the baseball team and three-sport star athlete at Andover High.

Aumais died at the age of 18 in a tragic automobile accident on Elm Street.

HOOP STARS



The St. Augustine fifth-grade boys recently won the Merrimack Valley Catholic Basketball Association Championship. The team was down by 5 points at the half, and came roaring back to win by 4 points, 42-38. Pictured from left are: (back row) Coach Bill Alcott, Andrew Noonan, Scott Canning, Billy Alcott, Tripp Doherty, Mike Amaral, Tim Lynch, Coach Jay Doherty; (middle row) Steve Lannan, Matt Ravizza, Ryan Musso, Sean Crompton, Gabe Martinez, John Corbett; (front) Chris George. (Missing from photo): Tom Flannery.



The St. Augustine 8th-grade girls basketball team captured the MVCBA title with a first-place win over St. Joseph's of Haverhill in an overtime thriller. Back row (from left): Coach Mike O'Dea, Meghan O'Connor, Jill Miranda, Melissa Gauthier, Maggie Gorman, Winnie Wong, Dani Perry, Mary DePippo and Raeling Kirk. Front row: Kasey O'Dea, Tricia Gearty, Stephanie McSurdy and Daria DaSilveira.

High Plain PTO plans April 15 fundraiser

High Plain Elementary School's PTO will sponsor a McDonald's Night next Tuesday, April 15, from 4:30 to 7:30.

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SPORTS TALK

By Rick Harrison

This column, compiled from information supplied by the colleges or by friends and relatives of the student-athletes, youth stand-outs and coaches involved, is published periodically in the Townsman. Information may be mailed to the office at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, 01810; or faxed to 978-470-2819.

Janice Coppolino of Andover, a senior on the Framingham State College women's basketball team, was recently named the Massachusetts State College Athletic All-Conference first-team center for the second straight year.

The MASCAC Player of the Year in 2001-'02 also earned her fourth career Player of the Week honor after producing a pair of double-doubles in an 87-50 romp over Mass. College of Liberal Arts and a 77-68 loss to Bridgewater State.

Former AHS basketball and volleyball All-Conference Coppolino had 10 points and 14 rebounds in limited time against MCLA, and contributed a symmetrical 19 points, 19 rebounds versus Bridgewater.

The following week she was back on top, named for the fifth time after producing both a record and a milestone in the same game.

She scored 16 points and grabbed 20 rebounds in a 68-63 road win at Worcester State, before registering 10 points and collecting 16 boards in an 80-61 loss to conference leader Salem State.

In the Salem State game, Coppolino set the Framingham State career record for rebounds while also reaching the 1,000 rebound plateau (the old record was 991).

She also earned Weekly Honor Roll status the following week, continuing to pile up the rebounds with 17 in a loss at Fitchburg State and 19 more in a six-point setback to Westfield State.

Coppolino scored her 1,000th career point in a recent game against UMass Boston.

After 23 games Coppolino led the conference in rebounding with 360 boards, a 15.7 per game average, and she was also fourth in scoring (315 points, 13.7 ave.) and fifth in field goal percentage (.447).

A.J. Sisodia of Andover, a freshman member of the Wheaton College men's indoor track team, recently competed in the prestigious 96th annual Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Running a leg on the 4x400 relay, Sisodia helped Wheaton to a fourth-place finish in 3:33.29 which was five seconds off the pace set by winner Albany State (3:28.30).

Regarded as the nation's greatest indoor track meet, the Millrose Games have produced 87 world indoor records and 117 Millrose winners have also been Olympic champions.

Sisodia also ran a leg on the 4x400 relay that posted the top time in the section (3:22.08) at the annual All-New England Championship Meet at Boston University.

The team was also fourth in the ECAC Division 3 Championship Meet in 3:22.03.

Although sidelined by injury, all-time Andover High basketball scoring leader **Tom McLaughlin** continues to pile up the points in the classroom at William & Mary College.

McLaughlin posted an impressive 3.75 grade point average for the first semester, the highest GPA among W&M team members. He was one of two basketball players named to the dean's list.

William & Mary is riding a five-game win streak which started with a 60-52 victory over intrastate rival and Big East member Virginia Tech.

Tommy Mac scored 1,564

points in three seasons of Andover High hoop, but missed his entire senior year after suffering a severe knee injury playing summer ball.

His freshman year of college was spent at Princeton, after which he transferred to William & Mary and sustained another leg injury in practice.

Kristin Connors of Andover, a sophomore member of the Colby-Sawyer College women's basketball team, scored a collegiate career-high 10 points (5-for-7 shooting) in a 77-31 romp over Wentworth Institute.

She also shot a perfect 4-for-4 from the floor, scoring eight points and hauling down five rebounds, in a 77-46 romp over

Roger Williams that stretched the team win streak to seven games. For the season, Connors finished with 20 field goals in 41 attempts (.488), scored

41 points, pulled down 41 rebounds and added 10 steals, five blocked shots and two assists.

Connors is a graduate of Nazareth Academy in Wakefield.

Colby-Sawyer went 21-8 overall and 13-4 in Commonwealth Coast Conference play.

Kerryn O'Connor of Andover, a graduate of Phillips Academy, was a sophomore returning letterwinner on the women's swim and dive team at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

O'Connor specialized in the distance freestyle events.



Paul Bellacqua

Paul Bellacqua of Andover, a junior at NCAA Division I Elon University in North Carolina, led the men's soccer team in scoring last fall with 11 goals and three assists. He was named to the Big South All-Conference Team.

In 2001, as a sophomore, Bellacqua tied for team-high in goals with seven.

Although missing half his freshman year with an injury, Bellacqua returned for Elon's semifinal round playoff game and scored the winning goal to propel the Phoenix to the title game. He was named Newcomer of the Year as a freshman.

Bellacqua has also been named captain of the Elon University men's soccer team for next fall.

At Andover High, he was captain of the varsity soccer team as a junior and senior, and captain of the varsity basketball team as a senior.

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SUPER SHOOTERS



The Andover girls Under-14 travel soccer team recently won the winter season championship of the East Hampstead, N.H. Indoor League. Andover defeated Haverhill 4-2 in the title game after edging Southern New Hampshire 1-0 in the playoff semifinals. Pictured, front row (from left): Hannah Hoerner, Jami Styczula, Camille Fantini and Kelsey Crowther. Middle row: Shannon Fitzgerald, Jillian Markus, Cara Lemire, Amanda Fantini and Laura Wareham. Back row: Coach Sarah Mainen, Rachael Westgate, Katie Cox, Jillian Caraviello, Valerie Peacock and Stephanie Halks.

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HOOP STARS



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The St. Augustine 7th-grade girls basketball team was runner-up in the MVCBA finals with Sacred Hearts of Bradford in a down-to-the-wire finale to the 2002-03 season. Back row (from left): Coach Tom Alaimo, Devon White, Meghan Thomann, Emily Alaimo, Nicole Tiney, Makenzie Mulcahy, Christine Blain, Katie Weidlein, Aly Kury, Cristin Sheehan and Coach Rick Blain. Front row: Liz Bruno, Chessie Leone, Kristina Harris, Erica Leber and Jill Dellaglio.

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SPORTS TALK

■ PAUL BELLACQUA

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Elon is a Division 1 school which will move from the Big South to the more competitive Southern Conference next season.

Nate Efinger of Andover, a Governor Dummer Academy graduate and sophomore member of the Ohio Wesleyan men's indoor track and field team, displayed his versatility at the recent NCAC Championship Meet.

He earned All-Conference honors as a member of the third-place 1,600 meter relay (3:32.20). He was also sixth in the triple jump, seventh in the pole vault and eighth in the 55-meter dash.

Earlier this season, Efinger placed first in the 200 meter dash (23.66) and second in the triple jump at the Denison Last Chance Meet.

He was also sixth in both the 55-meter hurdles (9.03 seconds) and long jump (19'2 3/4") at the Denison Lidlifter Meet.

In the North Coast Athletic Conference Relays, Efinger was a member of the winning long jump relay (20' 6 1/2"), second-place high jump relay, second-place pole vault relay and third-place 800 meter and sprint medley relay teams.

At the Otterbein Invitational he was fourth in the 55 meter dash (6.76 seconds).

Efinger placed in the long jump and 400-meter dash, and earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors as a member of the 800- and 400-meter relay teams last winter, when the Bishops won their fourth straight NCAC championship.

He may also compete in the decathlon during the outdoor season this spring.

In the Wooster Invitational outdoors, Efinger won the long jump with a 20'9" leap and placed 11th in the 100 meter dash.

Sarah Ferranti of Andover, a Phillips Academy graduate and sophomore member of the Tufts University women's swim and dive dive, was a mainstay for the Jumbos this past season.

She placed first in the 100 yard backstroke in several meets, with her best time a 1:05.23 in a 161-128 early-season victory over Wellesley College.

In the 200 backstroke she

placed second (2:24.45) in a win over Wesleyan and third (2:22.81) in a close four-point loss to MIT in late January.

She occasionally swam a leg on the 200 medley relay, helping Tufts to victories in that event versus Clark University and Bowdoin College.

Ferranti graduated from Phillips Academy where she helped the Big Blue swimmers during several outstanding prep school championship seasons.

Swimmers enjoying Florida waters

Five local swimmers from the Magnus Aquatic Group (MAG) are traveling to Orlando, Fla. this week for the Junior National Championships.

MAG-Andover, formerly known as the Merrimack Valley Pirates, is coached by Mike Spring.

The April 7-11 meet features the top swimmers under 18 years old throughout the country.

Four of the five swimmers are from Andover and swim for Andover High as well (the fifth is from North Andover). They all swim year round for Spring, whose team recently won both the New England Swimming 9-12 year old Championships at Salem State and the New England Senior Championships at Harvard (all five swimmers competed at the latter).

The swimmers who have qualified for Junior Nationals are Caitlin Geary, Sean Geary, Candice Peak, Caitlin Doherty and Kashmir Frizelle.

Caitlin Geary is a senior at Andover High and will be attending the University of Richmond in the fall, where she will compete for their Division I swim team.

She was a member of the AHS State Champion team last fall, taking second in the 500 freestyle and third in the 200 free. She was also a member of the winning 200 free State Champion relay team.

Sean Geary is a junior at Andover High. He competed for the Golden Warriors at States in February and successfully defended his state title in the 500 free. He also took second in the 200 free.

Candice Peak is a freshman at Andover High. She was a member of the AHS State Champion team and swam on both the winning 200 medley relay (backstroke leg) and the 200 free relay.

That State Champion 200 medley relay also broke the existing state record.

She also took third in the 100 backstroke and fourth in the 100 free.

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The Trial Court
Probate
And Family Court
Department
ESSEX Division
Docket No.

03D0289DV1

Divorce/Separate
Support Summons
By Publication

CARLOS MANUEL HENRIQUEZ,
Plaintiff v.
RAISSA FERRER DE DIOS

To the above named Defendant:

A complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, CARLOS MANUEL HENRIQUEZ, 39 ROYAL CREST APT 3, N ANDOVER, seeking DIVORCE.

An automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which

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Carlo Valdesolo of Andover, a senior captain on the men's squash team at Amherst College, has been named to the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) All-Academic Team for the winter season/semester.

To be eligible a student/athlete must be a starter or key reserve on an officially sponsored varsity team and carry a grade-point average of at least 3.35 on a 4.0 scale.

Caitlin Doherty is also a freshman at Andover High. She was a member of the AHS State Champion team and won the 100 butterfly and took second in the 200 free. She also swam on the winning 200 free relay.

Kashmir Frizelle is a freshman at North Andover High but did not compete for her high school.

Caitlin Geary is a High School All American and Sean Geary, Candice Peak and Caitlin Doherty have all qualified to receive this recognition for the 2002-2003 school year (All Americans are not announced until July for swimming).

The four from Andover have been named as Merrimack Valley All Conference and All Scholastics. They are also honor roll students.

USA swimming regional and national events are significantly more competitive than high school meets.

There are many more events that are not represented at the high school level. High school is limited to certain distances/events and USA swimming offers additional events/races found at college and Olympic meets.

All of these kids have intense training year round, swimming six days a week and often twice a day starting at 5:30 a.m. before school and returning in the evening for three hours.

During the high school season they also attend additional practices with their respective high school team.

They are all nationally-ranked in their age group by USA swimming and qualifying for Junior Nationals is a major achievement.

Their success for Andover High is a product of the foundation built by training and competing year round for Magnus.

Mark Taffe, coach of the AHS boys team, is an assistant coach at Magnus.

Information about Junior Nationals can be found on the National Club Swimming Association (NCSA) website at www.ncsa-usa.org.

would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. Please refer to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411 for more information.

You are required to serve upon CARLOS MANUEL HENRIQUEZ, plaintiff - whose address is 39 ROYAL CREST APT 3 NORTH ANDOVER, MA 01845 your answer on or before JUNE 30, 2003. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Salem.

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Business

BRIEFS

AHS grad named media VP

Andover High graduate John McIntyre has been named vice president of Eagle Media Partners, the largest newspaper group of its kind in New York state.

McIntyre, 35, joined Spotlight Newspapers, a subsidiary of Eagle Media, in July 1998, when Eagle hired him as general manager after buying the company. He has helped the company grow from three newspapers to eight weeklies and two monthly publications.

McIntyre got started in the newspaper business in the Merrimack Valley at age 15, as a high-school correspondent for *The Lawrence Eagle-Tribune*.

He graduated in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in English and communications from North Adams State College. The next year, he received a master's degree from Newhouse School of Communications at Syracuse University. McIntyre was recently voted one of 40 people under 40 who are outstanding business executives in the Albany area of New York, according to his family.

He and his wife Julie, an associate professor of psychology at The Sage Colleges, have two sons, John W., 7, and Joseph, 3.



John McIntyre

Women in government

The Friday, April 11 Merrimack Valley Chamber Woman in Government Program which had been scheduled to be held at the Andover Inn, will now be held at the Andover Country Club. The program registration has far exceeded the capacity of the Andover Inn, which necessitated the new location, says Joseph J. Bevilacqua President/CEO Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The Women in Government event will be at the Andover Country Club on Friday, April 11 at noon.

30 years for preservation experts

The Northeast Document Conservation Center will celebrate its 30th anniversary April 15 with a preservation conference and reception hosted by the John F. Kennedy Library.

Smith joins Banknorth Investment

Banknorth Massachusetts is pleased to announce that Reid V. Smith has joined its Investment Management Group in the position of portfolio manager. His office is located at 35 Main St.

Reid received his bachelor's degree from Middlebury College, completing levels I and II of the CFA program. He previously worked as an investment consultant for Ram Trust Services in Portland, Maine. Reid resides in Plaistow, N.H. with his wife, Kathleen and baby daughter, Margaret.

Dewhurst attends summit

Richard C. Dewhurst of the Charles F. Dewhurst Funeral Home of Andover, Lawrence, and Methuen attended the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) 2003 Advocacy Summit in Washington, D.C. during March.

Hundreds of funeral directors from across the United States assembled on Capitol Hill. Dewhurst was among those service profession and small business, such as affordable health insurance and permanent repeal of the estate tax.

He has also recently qualified for recertification of the designation of Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP), by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice (APFSP).

A number of professions grant special recognition to members upon completion of specified academic and professional programs and "CFSP" if funeral service's national individual recognition. To initially receive this award, the practitioner must complete a 180 hour program of continuing education activities and events. In addition, the practitioner is required to accumulate 20 hours per year to recertify.

Businesswomen's meeting tonight

Feeling isolated working at home? Not sure how to separate office workspace from living space? Have questions on what it's like to start a home business? How to price products or services?

Bring such "business challenges" to the Homebased Businesswomen's Network Inc. tonight's meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 10, at the Village Green Restaurant, Route 1-North, Newbury Street, Danvers, for a roundtable discussion on "Problem Solving."

HBN members range from "newbies" to businesswomen with more than 20 years experience in their chosen home business professions. A \$10 guest fee is accepted at the door. For more information, contact Membership Vice-President, Cheryl K. Perkins, at 603-475-3503 or visit the Web site at www.h-b-n.org.

Contract: 200 Raytheon Andover jobs

By Andy Murray

Workers for Raytheon Co. will build a mobile radar system to track enemy warheads. The contract, from the U.S. Missile Defense Agency, is worth \$350 million.

Steve Brecken, spokesman for Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems in Tewksbury, said the contract is significant because it helped mitigate recent layoffs at the Andover plant, decreasing the total number of required job cuts from 400 to 200 overall.

The system can be placed near areas that pose the most likely threat of firing ballistic missiles, agency spokesman Rick Lehner said. President George Bush said in December the US will establish a system by next year that tracks and destroys enemy missiles.

Raytheon's radar will identify and track missiles more quickly than current technology and have a greater ability to distinguish between warheads and decoys. It will be part of a network that includes a sea-based radar being developed by Boeing Co. and upgrades of radar systems in Alaska, Lehner said.

"In the past, 'early warning' was designed to identify a threat and where it came from to allow retaliation," said Rick Yuse, Raytheon's vice president in charge of missile-defense programs. "This system will destroy the incoming threat."

"This is a great technology win for the state of Massachusetts and Raytheon, it's going to be great for Andover, and it's going to provide our nation with one more element that will go to a more thorough national defense," Brecken said.

Work on the contract would begin immediately in Raytheon facilities in Andover, Bedford, Sudbury and Tewksbury. Raytheon's Andover facility has primary

responsibility for manufacturing the system.

The contract, which is for one single radar system, comes from the Pentagon's Missile Defense Agency. If the Pentagon exercises options, it could bring the contract's total value to \$800 million. Brecken said the contract is expected to run through 2006.

The so-called forward deployable Ballistic Missile Defense System is the first foray into a ballistic missile shield envisioned by President Bush.

Raytheon was chosen because it had the best available technology and had the best chance of meeting a rigorous deadline schedule, Brecken said.

Brecken said the single radar Raytheon would be building would simply be to test whether the system for defending the nation against missile attacks. The Pentagon would have the ultimate say in whether the system, eventually would be deployed in the field.

Raytheon will not hire more people to complete the radar work, Brecken said.

Raytheon also makes the so-called



The first Gulf War's Patriot missile made international news, and Raytheon continues receiving US military contracts.

Exoatmospheric Kill Vehicle the missile that will destroy incoming missiles when they are still outside the Earth's atmosphere, Yuse said. The new systems by Boeing and Raytheon will use a fine beam of radar called "X-band" to detect the kill vehicle toward enemy warheads.

Shares of Raytheon have fallen 27 percent in the past year.

Michael Van Blosomberg, News was used in this column.

Budget Rental can't keep on truckin'

By Andrea Gregory

A number of moving trucks are being asked to move out of Andover.

Budget Car and Truck Rental was only given half of what it sought when it went before the zoning board last week to appeal a cease-and-desist notice issued by the building inspector. Budget will still be allowed to rent cars at the Taje Inn site on River Road, but can no longer rent trucks. Whether the decision will cause Budget to move to a different area is unclear.

"Budget has been in Andover a long time and they're happy to be there," says Mark Johnson, the lawyer representing Budget. "I think it's safe to say they're planning on staying."

But the Budget office isn't saying what the company's plan is yet. Bill Devereaux, vice-president of operations, called the decision "interesting" but could not comment as to whether the decision of the zoning board was a fair compromise.

"I haven't discussed it with anyone," says Devereaux. "Until that happens we won't know."

The issue

For months Budget Car and Truck Rental has been operating a car and truck rental business



Trucks will disappear from Budget Car and Truck Rental in Andover, thanks to a ruling by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

out of the Taje Inn on River Road, an area not zoned for this type of business. The variance Budget was seeking would have allowed the company to continue renting both cars and trucks at the location, but a 5-0 vote by the zoning board is banning the trucks, but allowing the cars to stay.

"We voted to allow rental vehicles for passenger cars only

as an accessory use to the hotel," says Nancy Jeton, a member of the zoning board. "As it stands as an accessory use to the hotel, we only felt comfortable with passenger vehicles."

According to Jeton, the board decided not to limit the number of cars Budget can maintain on the site because they felt there was more than enough parking for hotel guests and the busi-

ness, Jeton says the board didn't see Budget cars interfering or taking away spaces that would be needed.

Budget Car and Truck Rental has operated in Andover for almost two decades. Before moving to the Taje Inn, the company worked out of the Ramada Inn on Route 113. However, it turns out neither of these areas is zoned for large motor-vehicle sale or rental.

Complaint

Budget might have continued renting trucks at the Taje Inn location, if a local resident hadn't complained about the business renting tractor-trailer trucks there. Building Inspector Kana Gilmore determined the hotel area is not properly zoned for such business and sent both Taje and Budget a cease-and-desist notice on March 10 for the vehicle-rental operation, but Budget filed an appeal, which allowed the renting to continue until the recent hearing.

According to Gilmore, budget can still file an appeal within 20 days after the zoning board files its decision.

"I'm holding to my opinion that tractor-trailer trucks are not an accessory use to a hotel," says Gilmore.

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Siller elected incoming IEEE president

Curtis A. Siller Jr., a longtime resident of Andover and chief technology officer at Cetacean Networks, has been elected incoming president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Communications Society. He will serve as president-elect through 2003, president in 2004-2005, and past-president in 2006.

The institute is the world's largest professional organization of its kind and the communications society – second largest of the IEEE's societies and councils – is the world's largest association for engineers engaged in advancing the science and application of communications technology. Both organizations enjoy a substantial global membership and annually sponsor numerous publications and extensive conferences throughout the world.



Curtis A. Siller Jr.

according to a release. Siller has served on the editorial board of four scientific publications, including as editor-in-chief of IEEE Communications Magazine and currently as Steering Committee Chair of the IEEE Transactions on Multimedia. He completed two terms as a vice-president of the society, and is in his second term as a director, in addition to president-elect. He has helped organize more than 30 international programs and is the recipient of several IEEE service awards, including the IEEE Third Millennium Medal. Siller joined Cetacean Net-

works Inc. as CTO in April 2001. The company was founded in August 2000. Its corporate headquarters are in Portsmouth, N.H.

He is responsible for providing the company's overall scientific vision, overseeing its day-to-day technology activities and developing the company's intellectual property.

Prior to joining Cetacean Networks, Siller was with Lucent Technologies-Bell Laboratories in North Andover for nearly 30 years.

His career there led to more than 50 refereed publications, a book on optical transport networks, contributions to other reference texts, eight patents, extensive participation in international standards-setting bodies, and numerous corporate and professional awards. Siller is a Fellow of both the IEEE and Bell Labs.



PHOTO BY CAROL VAN DOREN

Saturday morning the zoning board walked the property of Michael Rosen, at 53 High St., along with many residents opposing a development plan for the site. Rosen had wanted permission to use his property to build a three-family home in place of the existing single family home. His request was denied.

Regulating conversions

■ CONVERSION

Continued from page 5

be presented for approval at Town Meeting. Several residents came to voice their ideas. O'Hara proposed about a dozen amendments on behalf of residents in her neighborhood and said there are still more changes the board should consider.

"As an SRA resident, we have seen zoning not protect," said O'Hara. "Protection must come before incentive."

O'Hara says she believes that without more guidelines her community could be disrupted as homes are converted into multi-family units or expanded to create even more units.

"If I took my lot I could put 34 (units) in," under the proposed article, O'Hara said.

She mentioned the necessary two parking spaces that will need to be provided with each unit, but noted nothing stated where these spaces would be. She said the article didn't contain any regulation about what size affordable housing units must be.

"We're hoping to come up

with a simple amendment," Joan Duff, Chair of the Housing Partnership Committee had said before the meeting adding, "We just want to make it happen."

The committee is now taking another week to digest the information. They will come back next week to make a decision.

O'Hara suggested the committee withdraw the article and spend more time on it, which many of members said they were reluctant to do because of the two years spent on it.

"They have every right to take that article as is to the floor of town meeting," said Planning Director Steve Colyer.

According to Colyer, the board could bring 12 plus amendments to the floor of Town Meeting, but if that's the case they may want to consider withdrawing it.

"The problem is when you add too many amendments voters get confused and the article gets lost," he said.

Colyer and Duff are in agreement about the language being more clear in the warrant article than in the current bylaw.

Someone expanding onto an existing structure could create no more than four units under the proposed bylaw change, whereas the current bylaw has no limitation in place.

For every 2,500 square feet of land used in expanding an existing structure, one unit would be allowed with 2 parking spaces provided. No more than 25 percent of a house could be demolished and the property must be hooked to the town sewer for a property to be eligible for conversion under the new guidelines.

"It really gives very clear guidelines to the zoning board," said Duff.

The new regulations would also introduce an affordable housing requirement. At least 15 percent of units in an expansion project would have to be affordable, meaning any conversion expanding on a current structure will need to offer at least one affordable unit. Conversions done completely inside existing houses will not be obliged to provide any affordable housing units.

RAIN (AND SNOW) DELAY



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Home plate at this field near Andover High School was inches under water Tuesday. Andover playing fields are still closed to general-public use and, due to the extended forecast for rain and colder weather, all fields in town are closed through the weekend. They will be evaluated again following the weekend. All inquiries on fields status should be directed to Lisa Wilson, facilities coordinator, at 978-623-8450.

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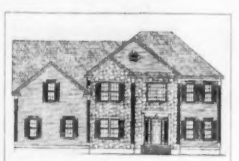
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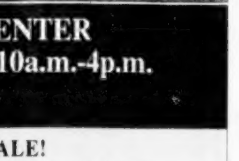
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